

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

You will be required to expound on your response in your applications to the minimum of 250 words

You may format your Goals/Plans for the Future based on these sections

### 1. TODAY'S DATE

As you reflect on this document, this will become a touchstone for your growth and a reminder of who you were and what was important to you in this point in time.

### 2. SHORT-TERM GOALS (0-12 MONTHS):

- Start small.
- Think about short-term goals that are easily achieved but will also help move you towards the longer-term goals.
- Include some tangible goals. (e.g., read 1 book each month)
- What new skills do you want to learn?
- What new ideas do you want to share with others?
- What changes do you want to make? Put them down here along with the steps needed to take to make them happen.

### 3. LONGER-TERM GOALS (BEYOND 12 MONTHS):

- Capture specific plans that you know may take more than a year to get to or accomplish. (e.g., get an A in Mathematics).
- Be realistic but not afraid to reach. Visualize success in areas you may have little control over. Don't be afraid to write down a desired goal that may be a stretch.
- Write out your dreams and aspirations. (e.g., obtain a PhD in Chemical Engineering)
- If you decide later that you don't want to do some of these items, you should remove them from the plan. This should be a living document – update regularly.



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#### 4. OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

- List all the training and coaching opportunities relevant and currently available to you at school, in your community, or through civic or charitable organizations. Note relationships that need to be cultivated in order to achieve success.

#### 5. SKILLS TO DEVELOP

- Project what skills you need to develop to reach the goals you listed in the first part of this exercise.
- What other skills do you need, besides the ones you have now, to attain your goal?

#### 6. PERSONAL GOALS

- Don't forget the personal goals that you need to weave into your life. It never hurts to write these things down as reminders of the things that are important to you as a person. (e.g., run 10 miles each week; volunteer at an orphanage)

#### Sample

As a futuristic individual, I think and ponder on my plans and I have the intention to complete them. Currently, I would desire the success of other initiatives and societies that I am apart, such as the Ignite Mentorship going in schools. I would love to represent my school non-academically and win the All Together Sing for the first with my school's choir.

When I matriculate to sixth-form, I would also like to repeat such a success in five Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) for both units and obtain a CXC Associate Degree in the Natural Sciences. Also, I would like to be the Head Boy of my school and be an exceptional leader to the students. With coding being an upgoing hobby, I would love to start a club for young men at my school to expose them programming and the innovations of the booming ICT industry, called "Kodaz Korna" as well as implement a Red Cross group in my school. With such outstanding academic results and altruistic legacy, I would graduate from Wolmer's, leaving my mark for many others to emulate and inspire several other young men that despite all odds with hard work, success will be inevitable.

I hope that when I begin the University of the West Indies that I can receive the UWI Open Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree covering courses in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. I would like to do my courses and have and maintain a GPA with a minimum of 3.8. During those years, I would like to begin a program at my alma mater that encourage fellow alumni to become mentors to students sitting external exams and act as role models for their future. After 4 years, I would like to graduate from the university with first class honours and hopefully setting some



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form of academic record. I would also desire of being a part of the UWI Guild and contribute to youth development through whatever medium I can.

After the completion of my bachelor's degree, without hesitation, I would begin the MSc in Forensic Biology. This will allow me to fulfil my greatest dream which is to become a Forensic DNA Analyst. I will do my electives in either firearms and crime reconstruction to broaden my skills and make more marketable in the industry. After graduating from the university, I would like to have a job at the Institute of Forensic Science and Legal Medicine unit as a Forensic DNA Analyst or at the local criminal investigation branch as a Forensic Scientist. As a contingency, I would have a job at CARIGEN or any other DNA analysis firm or even become a nurse to serve as a forensic pathologist to alleviate the serious backlogs of autopsies in my island home.

Nonetheless, I still believe in working in Jamaica due to my sense of loyalty and patriotism. I hope after my years of expertise, I could be a lecturer at the University of the West Indies in the Forensic Science programme or the head Of the Institute of Forensic Science and Legal Medicine unit. I want to be a public figure and encourage youths who have not yet decided on their career to follow my footsteps and be something useful to society. My goal for my country through success to have low crime rates and more young men completing university.

To accomplish these goals, it will be imperative to develop a spirit of unfaltering hope and positivity despite the influx of work. I must be able to efficiently manage time and become more strategic in approaches towards problems. I must work harder and study effectively to get high grades for school and eventually university. Additionally, it is necessary to have strong leadership and communication skills to be an exceptional role model and more importantly, an effective agent of change.

These are most my goals and have a lot smaller one such as learning how to play musical instruments, to code in many languages or becoming more athletic. Personally, for my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, I will like to have contributed 180 hours to my community through whatever means I can. Also, I will love to learn how to drive and be able to code in C, C++, C#, HTML, CSS, JavaScript and have knowledge of Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. With that I will like to develop a closer relationship with my heavenly father and become a fitter person both spiritually and physically. This is a snippet of my many plans for the future.