

How Returning to Learning Has Changed My Life

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When I was 19, I decided to go back to school and get my GED. I forgot how much I missed learning and how important it is to have the skills I need to reach my goals. Returning to school changed my life.

One of the changes I discovered is a new love for learning. I learned how to create and manage a budget. This skill is important because I only receive one pay cheque a month and I had to learn to budget for groceries and household items. Budgeting is a real-life skill that I will use every day.

Returning to school also increased my training and work opportunities. Last summer, I was hired to do landscaping in my community. I was on time, dependable and learned how to fix and maintain the lawn equipment. This job would not have been available to me if I wasn't in the GED program.

Since I returned to school, I have more self-confidence than I ever did before. I set small short-term goals for myself. I get an amazing feeling of pride when I accomplish a goal I set out for myself. I have more confidence in applying for jobs and a lot more determination to succeed.

Returning to school change my life in the following ways: I rediscovered my love of learning, I have more opportunities and I have the self-confidence to reach my goals in life and succeed.

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