

Essay 1.

*Think about the decisions you have made in your life. Answer the*

*(a) What choices have you made that led you to your current position?*

*(b) Why pursue an MBA at this point in your life?*

*(c) What is your career goal upon graduation from [redacted]?*

The choices I have made to get to where I am today may appear to be a set of skills, perspectives and life experiences. Pursuing an MBA will allow me to accomplish these goals and give me the analytical tools necessary to contribute to society. Unlike many students who have fixed ideas as to what they want to do after they graduate from [redacted], I am approaching my MBA with an open mind and a willingness to explore opportunities and find the career niche where I can best excel and contribute. I am committed to being an active and engaged member of the NYU Stern community and achieving my career ambition.

I was born and raised in Moscow during the Soviet Union to parents who were highly educated and accepted to the Moscow State University of International Relations. This was a great achievement. This University prepared future government leaders and I was a top student. I had ambitions that if I worked hard enough I could eventually be accepted to this university. This was no easy feat, but graduating with honors was a great accomplishment. I was so excited to have an opportunity to become a leader that I spent my entire summer holidays working as an intern in the government. I quickly came to the harsh realization that working for the government

my personal moral standards, and I was further disheartened and treated. With my political aspirations completely deflated I realized I pursued a degree in international management both in Moscow and

Upon graduation I spent time working in the financial services industry in sales roles and excelled in what I did. My multi-lingual abilities (English, Italian) proved to be very useful as many clients as well as colleagues. A great deal while working in the financial services industry in Milan. In the experience of many friends in the West, I became more and more entrepreneurial spirit, as well as my inability as a woman to truly thrive in a true meritocracy. I began to yearn for a completely different environment. In disappointment of my bosses as well as my family, I packed my bags and moved to the top model. While it may seem to some to be an odd twist in fate, I was an educated person with significant work experience in financial services. I spent most of my life studying very late in the library and working hard to have the opportunity to shine in a completely new way.

When I moved to Milan, I was significantly older than most of my colleagues. I had more than knowledge. Within seven months I was signed with a company with a very solid client base. I pursued modeling as intensely as I had ever before. I was at the top of my game. At the height of the financial crisis in 2008, I decided to move to New York to continue my modeling career.

I fell in love with New York. It felt like the city of opportunity and hard work, determination, an open mind and a healthy bit of luck, and a choice versus chance? In my definition to be lucky is to be ready for a chance

As a girl born in the Soviet Union I cannot emphasize how me. Upon reflection, I realized that now that I had excelled in something more. I have a burning desire to make my mark on use them to do something productive. I am less interested in the journey of learning all that I can learn from classes as well as discover what lies ahead for me post-MBA and have the tools to