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I ended up at Old Dominion University because it was one of my picks during high school. I met with my financial aid advisor, and she listed off some of the colleges to apply to. She told me some of the ones that were in the area like ODU, TCC, NSU, and some that were out of the area like VSU. I had already known about ODU because it was close to Maury and some of the people that graduated came here. They said it had a good community and was very military friendly. I thought about going to TCC to save money, then transferring to ODU after two years. But I'm going to be honest, I thought that was too much work and too lazy to do that. I couldn't come to ODU right away because I had to go to basic training and AIT for the military. It was 9 weeks of harsh basic training where I learned how to shoot, tactics, did a lot of rucking (my feet look terrible after) and then another 14 weeks where I learned my job in the army. After finishing training, I started to apply to ODU, although I did procrastinate a lot with a couple things. I was nervous the couple weeks before because I still had a lot to do. But I was able to get the applications in, some were like two days away from the deadline. I forgot about all the other colleges and just focused on getting into ODU. One of the driving forces though was because my friend goes here, and he told me to hurry up and get over here. Mainly because he was alone and wanted someone to go to the gym with. He also told me that ODU had above a 90% acceptance

rate, so I listened to him and only applied here. It seemed like a good idea but thinking about it now it was stupid that I didn't apply to others just in case. I had two troubles when applying and that was the school wouldn't let me finish the application because they thought I had previous college experience. They also wouldn't let me finish because when I went to the acceptance letter it errored and wouldn't let me pay the \$200 fee. But it all worked out because I'm here now and enjoying my classes.