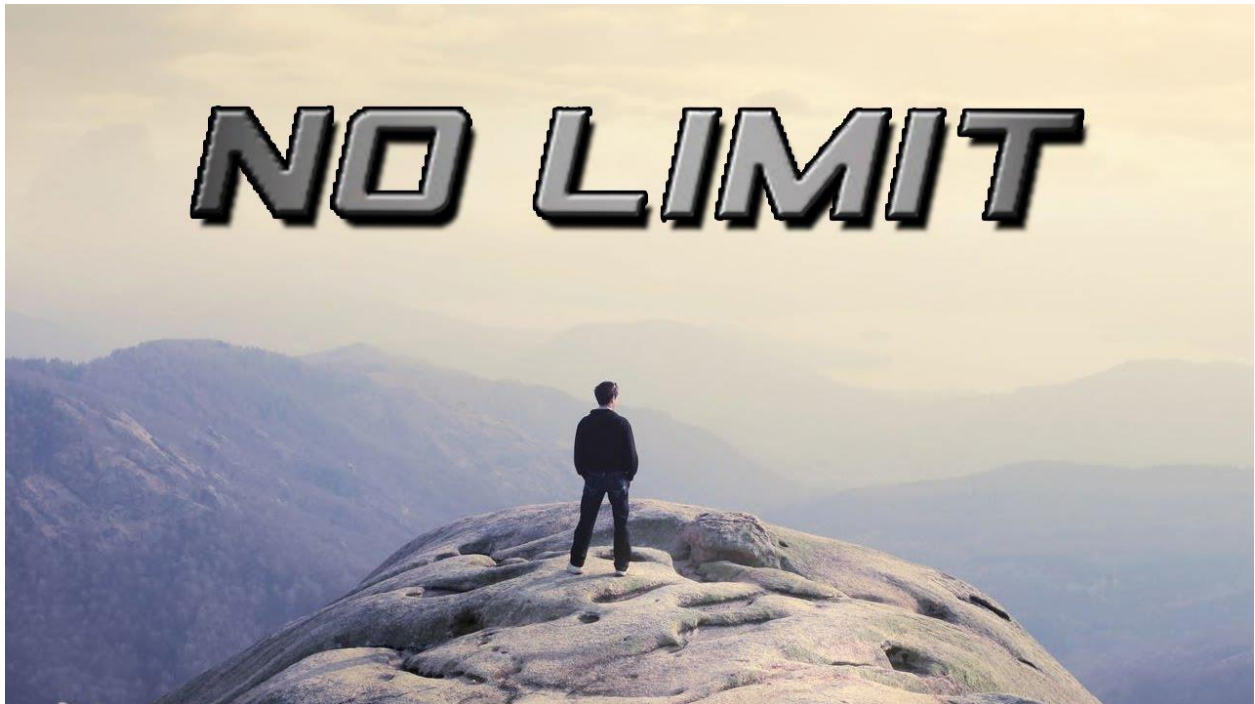


Try Hope and Motivation



For me, the most important thing was getting my high school equivalency diploma. My issues and experiences with learning old and new subjects gave me more ideas. Learning and trying were growth mindset goals for me. Even though I fall sometimes, but everyone falls. I had hopes, and I was determined to pass my high school equivalency test. So I kept coming to school for more motivation.

From the past to today, a lot has changed. Just because I fell didn't mean I was going to give up forever, because forever *means* forever. Coming to school gives me an opportunity or a shot at my diploma, and at a second chance in life. I was also motivated by the teachers who taught me everything I need to be successful. I started to study and practice so I can correct my mistakes. I knew giving up was not an option so I told myself, "I came too far to fail now."

It was hopeless out there, but when I came here I had hope and courage to do something good for myself. I feel like I've made my family proud because I didn't give up. I tried and tried, even though I failed sometimes, but I needed my diploma badly. After all my hard work, I've finally completed four sections of the TASC. I will do whatever it takes to get my diploma, I know I can earn my diploma and go to college at last!

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