

Personal Statement

I am a student at XXXXXXXX studying in IB Diploma Program in grade 11. I would like to apply for the XXXX Academic Program in summer 2012. I live in a very closely-knit family with my parents, who have been married for twenty years, and I have one brother who is studying to be an engineer at University of XXXXXXXX. As a person, I derive emotional security from my family and share a healthy rapport with my brother Raam.

I have been an active participant in my school activities and outside. I held the office of the Head of Cultural Department, XXXX School, for two years from XXXX -XXXX. I have also been an active participant in debates, having won the Horlicks Speaker of the Year XXXXX. I was selected to represent my school in numerous national music and dance competitions. In a leadership training camp held in 2009 by XXXXX School, my team consisting of 8 members, won the best team award with a high score of 1519, a record that is yet to be beaten.

In 2010, we staged the play "ABCD" highlighting the story of Sadako, and the repercussions of the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Amit, of Ingenium Dramatics, directed the play successfully where I played the second-lead. The play was highly acclaimed by the Theatre Association with honourable mentions of the cast members.

I have also taken part in numerous inter-school events in arts and craft, tattoo designing, debate, elocution, photography and essay writing.

I am an avid reader and read various genres written by authors such as XXXX, YYYYY, ZZZZ..... I also like to write fiction and several of my stories have received heart-warming reviews by readers on.....

In 2011, I was part of the Mock Union Budget, a youth parliament enactment in Oakridge International School and received the Outstanding Member of Parliament award. I also represented Hungary in Disarmament International Security and Economic Council in the Oak Model United Nations and was a delegate of Greece in the General Assembly in HPS Model United Nations. This helped me understand diplomacy and the idea of "world citizenship". I also won the Best Orator award.

Music is a very vital part of my life. I am learning to play the drums. I listen to music to relax, rewind and rejuvenate. I believe music is a channel to express emotions, thoughts and feelings. It is easy to connect to an artist through their music as it is their reflection of society.

I choose to study Law at the program as through the years I have developed an interest in questions of right and wrong, in why conflict arises and how it can be resolved, and in looking at both sides of an argument. My early interest in law stemmed from English Literature when I read "To Kill a Mocking Bird." The legal system has its flaws, yet I chose to study it because it gives me a chance to examine the law and order of a country and its direct implications on the citizens. My choice of

taking History as a High Level subject is due to my belief that it is only through a critical analysis of past can we explain the present. I also chose economics and English Literature for their obvious connection to man and the world. It represents the society with all its inequalities and irregularities that are present in everyday life.

I fervently hope my application to the XXXX Program will be accepted as this will give me a great opportunity to meet people, learn and broaden my perspective horizon.