**Statement of Purpose**

I am a High School student pursuing my Grade 12 in Commerce, Accounts, Economics, English, Mathematics and Physical Education from The Punjab Public School, Nabha (Punjab). Since childhood, I have been very passionate about studying Mathematics and solving statistical problems. My interest in mathematics has been growing ever since. Furthermore, when I started studying Economic Applications in Grade 9, I was sure that a combination of Mathematics and Economics would be a perfect blend for me to lead a happy life by making a career out of my passion by becoming an Actuarist. Moreover, my inclination to Commerce related subjects further accentuated my conviction.

I am a highly aspiring student and passed my ICSE (Grade 10) with overall 92.60% and 95% in Mathematics and expect to score around 94% in ISC (Grade 12) examination which will be conducted in February-March 2019. Our school is affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), New Delhi.

Hailing from a middle class family has not dampened my enthusiasm to dream big in life. I wish to turn a new leaf in my life. I do not want to be dependent on my parents to pay my tuition fee. I am confident my work ethics will pave the way for my availing a scholarship to fend for myself. I am quite sanguine about scoring a good percentage and earn distinction during my stay in the university.

According to me, Australia is the best country to pursue my undergraduate course. I am told that the faculty here is one of the best in the world. Besides, I will get an opportunity to enhance my personality quotient and learn to adjust and adapt to various cultures, share ideas and broaden my horizon. I hope my stay here will give me the much needed cutting edge in a highly competitive globalized world. Given my interest in Mathematics and Commerce-related subjects, I feel inclined to pursue a double degree programme, i.e. Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Actuarial Science at Monash University. The university offers exchange programmes and encourages social service initiatives. This in itself is a big motivator. Moreover, the university is a hub of highly aspiring and competitive global student community. What can be more rewarding than optimising my potential in the company of global thinkers?

Currently, I am the Head Girl of my school which is ranked the Best School in the State of Punjab and the 8th Best Co-ed Residential School in the country as per the All India Rankings released by the *Education World* in May 2018. While shouldering the responsibilities associated with the august office, I have cultivated leadership skills, developed communication skills and learnt how to be an effective problem solver. I have learnt to be more responsible than ever and be a patient listener. I have also learnt how to analyse situations carefully. Throughout my stay in the school, I have consistently taken part in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. These include Inter-House and Inter-School Cultural Programmes, Debates, Business Quizzes and Spell Bee Competitions, to name a few. I have brought laurels to my school from time to time. I was adjudged the Best Speaker in Preliminary Round-3 of JTM Gibson Memorial Debate-2017 held at The Daly College, Indore and the Best Rebutter in Preliminary Round of Debate and Second Runner-Up in Spell Bee Competition in JK Kate Memorial All India Inter-School Knowledge Conclave-2018 held on our campus in July 2018. My participation in all these activities has enhanced my capability to communicate with people effectively, made me ambitious and taught me how to work and deliver under pressure.

I take keen interest in sports as well and have represented my school in cricket tournaments. I also represented team IPSC in the SGFI Under-19 Cricket Nationals (Girls)-2018. My participation in sports has taught me team spirit and the importance of executing one’s role accurately.

I have contributed for social causes from time to time. At school level, I along with my classmates serve food to other students in the mess on Sundays, visit old age homes, donate clothes and old belongings among the poor. I have also enlisted my participation in *Prayas* which is a social initiative of our school. We render free classes for children of the support staff.

After pursuing double majors in Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Actuarial Science, I want to appear for examinations conducted by Actuaries Institute of Australia. In the event of enrollment, I am confident about doing justice to the trust invested in me.