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# College Statement of Purpose

From a very young age, I have been interested in the way that the world's economies function. Why does economics so directly affect society? Why does the study of economics exist, and why do business experts keep tackling this thing? Why invent something like inflation rate and GDP? Why do banks use the LIBOR rate as their reference even if the real boss these days is the States? And why do the lions of Wall Street have such immense power? My enthusiasm for economics grew further after the 2008 world economic crisis. During that time, I still couldn't understand why it affected the whole business environment. Wasn't the cause just the bankruptcy of one bank? I was intrigued by these topics, wondering why the fall of "this thing" caused fear and panic.

During my early high school period, I watched several reports and shows that keep telling me the importance of economics to the world. To learn more, I joined several business competitions in held by the Philippine University and attended multiple business lectures by those Philippine business tycoons. I regularly update myself with economic developments through the WSJ, and use my mathematical and analytical skills to apply economic theories and formulas to real-life economic situations.

This year, our professor had us make several business projects and proposals in which we started to think of bizarre, eye-catching business strategies. I enjoyed the chance to put some of the things that I learned from the WSJ and MBA.com into practice, and my result was good. Because of that try, graduating with an economics-related career has become my goal.

In my spare time, I enjoy interacting with other scouts and doing scouting activities. Scouting means a lot to me, because it shows me the outside world and gives me a connection with other foreign scouts. Now, my country gives me the honor to become an Eagle Scout; in return, I will do my best to foster fellow scouts before I leave the Philippines.

I play chess in school. I see chess as a practice for the mind; like real life, winners must always think ahead of others to achieve the chosen goals. This year, we won second place in the local chess competitions, and I received a recognition medal from our school and stayed in the first team. I also enjoy Sudoku for filling my spare time and practicing my logical reasoning.

Studying Mandarin is also one of my passions. Although English is the most commonly used language right now, perhaps after 20 or 30 years Mandarin will take its place. I was one of the students chosen regularly for Chinese-related contests (except for calligraphy), and I also attained the HSK lvl6 two years ago.

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