## Casey Sullivan

## Personal Statement

From a young age, I was enchanted by the language of music. It's not just something I do—it's a way of life, a connection to my family, and an essential part of my identity. My home is filled with harmonious notes and lyrics that tell stories of faith, love, and struggle. I grew up listening to my family, gospel singers who taught me the value of hitting the right notes not just in music, but in life as well.

My academic journey reflects a melody of its own. While my grades have been consistently good but not extraordinary, my passion for music has been a high note in my educational experience. I'm in four Honors classes, which are academically demanding but give me room to think, debate, and explore subjects in depth. My enthusiasm for academics and my love for music found common ground in my school's Acapella Group. This experience has been instrumental (no pun intended) in shaping my interpersonal skills and my appreciation for teamwork. In a choir, every voice matters and contributes to the overall harmony—just as in a community.

Outside school, my hobbies align with my musical leanings. I love singing and attend local concerts as often as I can, always on the hunt for inspiration and different styles that can influence my own work. Songwriting, too, is a significant part of who I am. It allows me to translate my feelings and beliefs into art that can be shared with others. I deeply value harmony, faith, and community, themes that often find their way into my songs.

I consider myself soulful in my approach to life, hopeful in my outlook, and tuneful in my day-to-day experiences. Whether it's an academic challenge or a complex musical arrangement, I always look for the perfect pitch to harmonize with the situation. College will be a new verse in the song of my life, and I am excited to bring my unique melody to a campus community.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to add my voice to your institution, both in and out of the classroom.