**2. The students who are nominated for the Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship are students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and creativity, who are accepted as leaders within their school, and who have the potential to contribute to the global community in the future. They can be distinguished from other students who may have equally high academic results by virtue of their breadth of interest, intellectual energy and impact on the life of their school and community. Write a letter of reference for yourself in the third person describing how the applicant (you) meets these criteria. The letter should refer to the specific achievements and experiences. It may also comment on any weaknesses. (300 word maximum)**

Dear Members of the University Admissions Committee,

I am writing this letter to give my sincerest recommendations for Victoria Vivian Chan (Vicky) in her application to receive the Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship.

Vicky has always been an active student who would not hesitate to voice her opinions and solve challenging questions. Her outstanding critical thinking skills have allowed her to make logical and evidence-based decisions in an effective time manner. Examples include applying the decision tree methodology and taking the pareto principle approach into consideration when something needed to be decided in the student council board.

She has a solid mathematical foundation that enables her to comprehend in-depth concepts and exercise flexible methods. This resulted in her success in winning medals at math competitions, such as American Mathematics Olympiad, SINGA Math Global Finals, and Singapore and Asian Math Olympiad.

In collaborative work, she demonstrated leadership skills during Technovation Girls Competition by innovatively approaching workflow disruption analysis, and comprehending each team member's strengths and weaknesses for efficient task delegation. As a result, her team received the “favorite app” recognition and advanced to the global semi-final round. Her perseverance and drive encouraged her to continue working on the "Ponder" app prototype which aims to reduce users' excessive water consumption even after the competition was over.

As someone who’s passionate in solving water security and accessibility issues, she volunteered at Kei Island, a remote island in Indonesia, where she created and implemented a water filter.

Vicky is a student and individual with massive potential to contribute to the diverse society at U of T. Her distinctive personality will become a valuable asset at U of T in the future and beyond.

Can you elaborate a little on your passion in addressing accessibility issues in Indonesia? this works well for your “outside of the classroom” portion of the prompt. I would also include any creative pursuits you are interested/experienced in to round out the recommendation.