What would I like to be when I grow up?

"What would you like to be when you grow up?" That question remained unanswered until I was seventeen. The story began long before. Thursday, June 15, 2000, I was born in Jakarta. We then moved to Semarang in my first birthday. I grew up in Semarang until I was graduated from high school before finally I went to Bandung to continue my study in ITB.

My family is a lovely family with five people and I am the eldest of three. Both my parents works as an entrepreneur, so they often come home late. Therefore, I learned to take responsibility of my younger siblings. My father is a life insurance agent and my mom is a property agent. As an entrepreneur, our monthly income fluctuates, depends on the amount of sales for the month. However, if averaged, our income per month is around fifteen million rupiahs.

As I grew older, I know that I can no longer depend on my parents. I've always wanted to lighten my parent's financial burden because, –like it or not– soon my younger siblings will continue their study in university too. Few times I tried to get some income –from selling snacks to creating web crawler– but all of it had come to an end. Nevertheless, I learned a lot from it, so no regret for me.

Since I was twelve, my parents had been pushing me to find my passion. I tried a lot of different things until I came across programming. Programming has become my hobby ever since I knew about it. I learned python as my first programming language, then I tried a bunch of other languages too. In the early days, I could sit in front of my computer all day long until I forgot to do other things. That's it. I've found my passion.

One year isn't enough for me to be proficient in programming. I keep learning and learning. I also have a peer friend on the US that keeps me wanting to study Computer Science even more. He opens my knowledge –a lot– about programming world. There are still so many things to learn like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, cyber security, databases programming, etc.

I've always interested in two things, artificial intelligence and video games. Even my very first project is a game. Yes, I learned programming by making a game. We all know, lately AI technology has been growing rapidly. For instance, Google's DeepMind, AlphaGo, etc. So when it comes to final year project, I think I'll try to make one of those.

A few months ago I applied for scholarship named "Beasiswa Unggulan" but I don't suit their criteria. I kept searching for various scholarship until I found CSLeaders Scholarship Program. Beside of tuition fee, CSLeaders also offers plenty of benefits like leadership program that support my education too. The moment when I saw this, I knew that this scholarship is for me.

So, what would I like to be when I grow up? Programmer, obviously. In what field? That's rather hard question. If I could choose, I'll choose AI or game development, because I enjoy them so much. Why should I apply CSLeaders Scholarship Program? I know CSLeaders is here for good and will definitely bolster up my study on Computer Science.