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Personal Statement

I am a high school student studying NCEA Level 3 at James Hargest College in Year 13. Next year I plan to study at the Invercargill Campus of the Southern Institute of Technology, studying a Bachelor of Information Technology. I am applying for this Teritary Grant which I hope to get to be able to use towards my Direct Material Costs during my study at S.I.T. While studying at S.I.T. I hope to continue to help out and volunteer in the Invercargill local community.

Employment History

7th December 2016 - Present

Countdown Waikiwi – Chilled Foods Assistant, Woolworths Limited, Invercargill, New Zealand

11th July 2016 – 19th July 2016

ILT Kidzone 2016 Festival - Sound Technician, Venture Southland, Invercargill, New Zealand

James Hargest College Extra Curricular Activities

2017 Extra Curricular Activities, James Hargest College, Invercargill, New Zealand

- James Hargest College Sound & Lighting – Co-Student Leader
 - National Amateur Body Building Association Southland and Otago Regional Finals - Sound & Lighting Technician
 - JHC Show Arts Festival - Lighting Technician
 - Lighting & Sound Technician Advisor for Major Production 2017 - Brigadoon
 - Lighting & Sound Technician Advisor for LEO Ball Extravaganza 2017
 - Lighting Technician for KSOM Annual Concert 2017
- JHC LEO Club Leader – Co-Chairperson of Events Committee
 - Invercargill Lions Convention Flag Bearer
 - Co-organiser of the James Hargest LEO Hire a Helper Auction
 - New Zealand Blood Donor
 - LIONS Committee Flag Bearer
 - Member of the Ball Extravaganza Organising Committee – Planning
 - Member of the Ball Extravaganza Organising Committee – Hall Setup
 - Member of the Ball Extravaganza Organising Committee – Sound & Lighting
 - Member of the Ball Extravaganza Organising Committee – Decorations
- Student Librarian
- Student Leader of Student Tech Support
- Student Peer Support
 - Student Peer Mediation
 - Year 9 Camp Helper
 - Student Buddy
 - Peer Tutor
- Student Helper on Open Day

2016 Extra Curricular Activities, James Hargest College, Invercargill, New Zealand

- James Hargest College Sound & Lighting - Student Leader
 - Major Production 2016 My Fair Lady – Personnel
 - Sheilah Winn Southland Regional Finals Lighting Technician
 - Lighting Technician for Major Production - The Sound of Music
 - Sound/Lighting Technician for ILT Kidzone Festival
 - Sound Technician for LEO Ball Extravaganza
 - Assistant Sound Technician for Gala Concert
 - Senior Sound Technician for Junior Campus End of Year Social
 - Sound Technician for Year 9 & 10 Prize Giving
- JHC LEO Club Member – Fundraising Committee
 - Cancer Society Relay for Life Volunteer – Setup
 - LEO Ball Extravaganza Organising Committee
 - New Zealand Blood Donor
- Member of Student Tech Support
- Stage Challenge Backstage Crew - JHC Backstage Manager
- Student Librarian
- Open Day Helper & Sound Technician

2015 Extra Curricular Activities, James Hargest College, Invercargill New Zealand

- James Hargest College Sound & Lighting Team
 - Lighting Technician for Major Production - My Fair Lady
 - Lighting Assistant Technician for LEO Ball Extravaganza
 - Sound & Lighting Backstage Manager for Gala Concert
 - Year 13 Drama Class Niu Silu Performance - Lighting Technician
 - Sound & Visual Technician for End of Year Prize Giving's
- LEO Club Committee Member – Fundraising
 - Member of Ball Extravaganza Organising Committee
- Library Club
- Open Day Helper
- Student Librarian
- Student Tech Support

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Skills

Computer skills

I am an enthusiastic computer designer and programmer:

- For many years I have confidently used the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, the Microsoft Office Suite, I am a confident user with Scratch, Notepad++ (HTML, CSS), experience user of Delphi7 (which I'm currently learning this year at JHC), as well skilled in many other Software Suites.
- I am also fully experienced with setting up Multiple Screens, Installing & Uninstalling Software, setting up Computer Peripherals, modifying the System Settings & Registry, along with many other functions.

Sound & Lighting Technician

Since 2014 I have been a member of the talented Sound & Lighting team at James Hargest College. Within my first year, I had already been given the major role of being the Lighting Technician for the James Hargest College Major Production - Oliver! - where I was taught many skills under a professional Lighting Technician who volunteered some of his free time at James Hargest as an advisor, who was from the Invercargill's Musical Theatre (and used to work full time at the Invercargill Civic Theatre, and now works for the Royal New Zealand Ballet).

In my second year of being part of the team, I was yet again given the role of Student in charge & Lighting Technician for the 2015 Major Production - My Fair Lady - which consisted of a Lighting Plan created by myself this year, and the Operator on the night.

For my third year in the team, I was promoted to one of the Student Leaders of the team, having the responsibility of teaching and training other students in the team my many skills that I have picked up. In 2016, I was again the Student in Charge of the Lighting for many events, including this year's Major Production - The Sound of Music. I have also been trained in how to use a full-frontal Harness by Adventure Southland through James Hargest College. I was also the Sound Technician for ILT Kidzone in 2016, during the week-long duration of the event held at James Hargest College.

For my fourth year in the team, this year, I have once again been one of the Student Leaders of the team. This year I have continued to train new and other members of the team in my many skills that I have picked up. While this year I stepped back and advised for most of the events that have happened so far, I have still been the Sound & Lighting Student in charge for our Major Production this year – Brigadoon, as well as our LEO Ball Extravaganza this year. I was the Sound & Lighting Technician this year for the National Amateur Body Building Association Southland/Otago Regional Finals that was held at James Hargest in April.

Achievements

2017 – James Hargest College Nominee and Finalist for the Trust Power Youth Community Spirit Award

2017 – ILT Youthmark Award for Citizenship (Community Service in the local and school community)

James Hargest College Academic Blues 2017

- Level 2 Geography Subject Endorsement - Achieved with Excellence
- Level 2 Overall Endorsement - Achieved with Excellence

Prize Giving 2016

Distinction Award for Excellence in individual Year 12 Subjects across all Classes – Geography, Digital Technologies Programming and Outstanding Industry

2016 Finalist for CEETA Commerce Top Scholar Award

James Hargest College Academic Blues 2016

- Level 1 Digital Technologies Programming Subject Endorsement - Achieved with Excellence
- Level 1 Geography Subject Endorsement - Achieved with Excellence
- Level 1 Science Subject Endorsement - Achieved with Excellence
- Level 1 Overall Endorsement - Achieved with Excellence

Prize Giving 2015

Distinction Award for Excellence in individual Year 11 Subjects across all Classes - Geography and Outstanding Industry

Prize Giving 2014

- Outstanding Industry

Education

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 2) Achieved with Excellence Endorsement

During 2016 I attained: 24 Achieved Credits, 49 Achieved Credits at Merit, & 50 Achieved Credits at Excellence; Totalling 123 Credits at Level 2

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 2) Subject Endorsements

Excellence Subject Endorsement

- Geography

Merit Subject Endorsements

- Mathematics
- Digital Technologies - Programming
- Physics

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 1) Achieved with Excellence Endorsement

During 2015 I attained: 18 Achieved Credits, 67 Achieved Credits at Merit & 74 Achieved Credits at Excellence; Totalling 157 Credits at Level 1

National Certificate of Educational Achievement (Level 1) Subject Endorsements

Excellence Subject Endorsements

- Digital Technologies - Programming
- Geography

- Science

Merit Subject Endorsements

- Business Studies
- English
- Mathematics

ICAS Assessment

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

- 2014 - Mathematics Assessment - Participation
- 2012 - Digital Technologies Assessment - High Distinction
- 2011 - Digital Technologies Assessment - High Distinction

Referees

Mr Brian McEwen

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James Hargest College Teacher – *Acting Associate Principal Term 2 2017*

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