

Reasons for wishing to attend Victoria University

Victoria and I possess a common vision. I, like Victoria the University of Wellington, constantly work to explore and challenge the limitations of the world of commerce. As an aspiring financial manager, it is Victoria's academic emphasis and excellency in its triple crown international business accreditation which has drawn me to the University of Wellington. Commerce has been my long-held passion, of which I have pursued throughout my intermediate studies. Coming from a business orientated family, I have always been interested in entrepreneurship. Observing the effects of finance and its impact on our global community excited me because it challenges us to think beyond ourselves. Last year, I had the opportunity to further explore this field in the Young Enterprise Scheme. Establishing my own company, I was able to explore the various roles that exist within a business and better understand the operations of an enterprise. My success in this program(Top of the South Dragon's Den, overall winner and most innovative team), solidified my vision of pursuing a career as a financial manager, thus igniting my determination to further my skills, within the field of commerce. I want to attend Victoria University, as I believe that at Victoria renowned facilities, I will have the best opportunity to realise my dream career path.

In addition to Victoria's scholarly climate, what has drawn me to The University of Wellington, is the culture of the university. Unique, this ever-evolving institute challenges its student to adapt and grow. Cultivating an urgency for innovation and development. I thrive in an environment where I have the opportunity to challenge myself, I believe at Victoria I can accommodate this need through the plethora of groups and programs offered by your institute. Two which I am excited to join is The Victoria Plus program and The International Leadership program. I aspire to make a positive impact on both our local and global community. From my time as a Leo's volunteer and in the various leadership position I have held, I have developed a strong passion for being involved in my community. To me, it is important that I am able to continue my work in my tertiary studies. Victoria's provision of these groups demonstrated to me that they share a similar value for their students. Therefore I wish to attend Victoria, as I believe in its campus, I will have the opportunity to cultivate my passion for making a positive difference to our world.

I envision that in the future, I will be one of Wellington's many residences. As the main business hub of New Zealand, Wellington offers an abundance of opportunities to those who are aspiring to pursue a career in commerce. Studying at Victoria will enable me to establish myself in this vibrant city, allowing me to make the necessary connections to further my career. This will give me the best opportunity to reach my dream career goal of becoming a financial manager, as I will be able to experience the world of commerce first hand, whilst also expanding my knowledge of finance through my lectures. I believe this collaborative approach to learning will allow me to efficiently and effectively cultivate my knowledge, as I will be able to connect academic concepts, to my personal experiences. Therefore at Victoria, I will be equipped with the most effective tools to overcome future adversities and challenges.

For these reasons and many more, Victoria not just the perfect place for me, it is the only place for me. At the Department of Commerce at Victoria, I will have the opportunity to continue to nurture my love for finance and economics. I have only scratched the surface in this ever-evolving field, but I know that the potential for innovation is infinite. Likewise, I feel that my time at Victoria would make my potential, similarly, limitless.

Academic goals you hope to achieve

FIRST YEAR GOALS

- *Maintain a A grade average throughout my academic career at Victoria university of wellington.*
- Qualify for the Beta Alpha PSI (Victoria Chapter)
- Intern at a chartered accountancy firm

LONG TERM GOAL (5 YEAR PLAN)

- Enrol in study for Masters in finance
- Employed in a full time position at a chartered accountancy firm
- Qualify as a chartered accountant

I have endorsed each and every year of my academic career at Marlborough Girls' College with excellence endorsement, therefore, I aim to maintain this high standard throughout my studies at Victoria. To do this I will continue to follow a rigid study plan, attend all of my lectures, and apply myself to the available study group for my courses. If I am able to attain this goal, I will secure my qualification into Beta Alpha PSI group at Victoria for my second year of study. In this group, I will be able to broaden my knowledge of finance which will allow me to better equip myself for future challenges. Maintaining a high-grade average also means I will have the necessary knowledge to best fulfil my role in future internships. One of which I hope to secure over the summer holiday in my first year at Victoria.

I would like to continue my studies in the future and hope to enrol for the master in commerce once I have finished my bachelors. I would also like to be working full time at a chartered accountancy firm, as so I may qualify to become a chartered accountant which requires 3-years of experience at an accountancy firm. Once I have the necessary experience and qualifications, I will pursue a career as a financial manager.

Why do you believe you merit the scholarship

I believe that I merit the Victoria Tangiwai Scholarship for Excellence, as I have demonstrated my ability to perform at an excellent capacity in, my academic career, within my various leadership positions, and through my contributions to the Marlborough community. The product of my involvement and dedication to success is my ability to embrace risk, approach adversities with confidence, and thrive in both team and independent environments. Given the opportunity to attend Victoria, I would be excited to share my experience and skills with others, as so I may aid on their journey to growth, whilst also broadening my perspective by learning from those around me.

What motivates me to maintain my high work ethic is the sacrifice my mother has made for me to have the opportunity to study in New Zealand. After my parents separated, my mother and I moved to New Zealand as she wanted to give me a chance to have a better future. Working tirelessly to ensure that I had everything I needed, she has supported me on a singular income for the last 10 years without any contributions from my father. With her limited English, it meant that she had to work in a labour intensive job, yet she was willing to do so, even when she knew that in Thailand she could live a much more comfortable lifestyle. I have strived to do well so I can make her proud. Therefore I have dedicated myself to my academics, as one day I hope to give her the life she has always deserved.

Awards:

- *Young Enterprise Scheme, Top of the south Overall Winner 2017*
- *Marlborough Girls' College, Excellence endorsement NCEA level 2 2017*

- *Young Enterprise Scheme, Most innovative team 2017*
- *Marlborough Girls' College, Excellence endorsement NCEA level 1 2016*
- *Marlborough Girls' College, Top of Computing 2016*
- *Language perfect, bronze award- top 25% of French students 2016*
- *Marlborough Girls' College, BP Challenge overall winner 2016*

Leadership positions:

- **Form Class Captain/ Student council 2018:** Lead students in respective classes by endorsing punctuality, teamwork and achievement: Assist teachers with various tasks whilst organising an annual community service event for the students in assigned Form Class.
- **Marlborough Youth Advisor 2018:** The Youth advisory group is involved in the local community's decision making giving our youth a voice within Marlborough.
- **Peer supporter 2017, 2018:** A group of students who assist students with various issues to ensure that our students at Marlborough Girls' College are provided with the mental and physical support they need.
- **Tuakana-Teina 2017, 2018:** A big sister program that assigns junior students to senior students to guide them through the various challenges they may face at school and home.
- **Senior leader 2017:** Organisation of events, Supervising students, Orientation guide, Assisting new Students, Encouraging peers, Promotion of school values, Working with and leading a team.
- **Deputy Debate Captain 2017:** leading a team of students to educate and encourage, aiming towards building confidence, growth and maturity whilst working in unity towards a common goal; Regional Debate Competition
- **Kaiāwhina 2017:** A system at Marlborough Girls' College where senior are introduced into junior classes to provide both academic and personal aid.
- **United Nation Youth representative 2017:** Representative of Marlborough Girls' College at Model UN, an opportunity to showcase ideals from various perspective; using skills of negotiation, understanding, and patience to come to an agreeable solution to various problems.

Community involvement:

Leo's volunteer 2016, 2017, 2018: A group dedicated to supporting the community through the provision of funding for local organisations; e.g Women's refuge, Saint John's ambulance, and The Cancer society.

- Women's Refuge- raffle donation; 2016
- Saint John Ambulance- car wash donation; 2016
- The Cancer Society- sausage sizzle donation; 2016
- Pink Ribbon- Mother's day raffle donation; 2017
- Canteen Youth- sausage sizzle donation; 2017
- Migrant Centre- Potluck dinner; 2017
- Anzac- fundraising; 2017
- Cancer society- fundraising; 2018
- John's kitchen- food/time donation; 2018

School involvement

- Visual Art Committee 2015
- Year 11 Leaders Committee 2016
- Academic Committee 2017
- Promotions and Events Committee 2018
- International Committee 2018