Dear Miller Thomson Selection Panel,

My most fulfilling pastime is creative writing. Since I was a child, it has been my treasured form of artistic expression. I am also an avid chess player. Involved in the competitive scene in elementary school, I retain my skills today, an unbeatable force at our school club. I have studied three martial arts in the past seven years, now a dedicated combatant in the dynamic style of Sanda. It is through this that I have kept physically strong and disciplined. I have cultivated my communal spirit through my involvement in the 333rd Markham Scouts Group and my repeated reprisal of the role of a volunteer swim instructor at a local community centre. I have lived in four different countries, speak two fluent languages, and climbed mountains in both Tanzania and Hong Kong.

My widespread interests have spurred me into all facets of school life. Using my scouting experience, I surmise a critical leadership role as a cadet lieutenant, in charge of running weekly sessions for the entire Grade 10 body. It is both demanding and exciting. I am part of the Writing Publication Council and the Outreach Council, organizing bake sales and writing contests. A four-year member of our swim team, I have exhibited enthusiasm and determination, recently becoming a co-captain. My circle of friends is comprised of students both overseas and Canadian, my cultural heritage a bridge between the two. I have brought to my school a combination of passions and trials unlikely to be found anywhere else and developed within myself a strong desire to aid and enrich society.

I will use my undergraduate education to further myself in academics, communal involvement, and athletics, continuing to pursue my passion for creative writing and becoming a source of inspiration for those around me. Any financial aid I could receive in this pursuit would bring tremendous return, both tangible and intangible, to my development as a person and the enhancement of the community I will be immersed within.

Sincerely,

Matthew Chan