

Sample Essay 1 – What prompted you to apply for the CFA Access Scholarship?

Dream Big, they do not cost anything! This is the story of my teenage years. I belong to a lower middle-class family from a tier 3 town in India where Stock Markets and Finance are almost considered as a taboo.

In high school I stumbled upon some finance content on Instagram which motivated me to read the book 'Rich Dad Poor Dad'. And since then, there has been no turning back. The idea of investing and earning money don't let me sleep. I started consuming finance content instead of watching reels. I downloaded finance news apps to remain up to date. I even changed my circle to people who talk about stock markets all day long.

I enrolled into a Finance Major degree where one faculty introduced me to CFA. The idea of playing with numbers and valuations throughout the day along with having global acceptability was like a dream come true. Now I exactly knew what I had to do in my career. But as soon as I started my research, I was heartbroken looking at the fees. I knew my parents would not be able to afford the same. I had almost lost hopes when I suddenly read about this scholarship window opening on the CFA website.

I hope I am awarded this scholarship so that I can conquer my big dream of becoming a successful Portfolio Manager and motivate others like me to dream big without looking at its cost.

Sample Essay 2 – How will receiving a scholarship make a difference in your pursuit of the CFA designation?

I am a very hardworking student with ambitions of becoming a Portfolio Manager in the future. Even at the age of 19, I love tracking the stock markets and understanding how macro-economic changes affect the performance of various companies. My passion towards finance is unmatched in my class. I have also been the winner in multiple Mock-Stock and other Finance Inter-Collegiate events. I have even started writing a blog on finance hoping it would help me earn some money which in turn would help me get professional education.

Currently neither my family nor I can pay the CFA Registration and Examination fees. My father lost his job during Covid resulting in utilisation of all our savings. As of today, my father is the only earning member in the family and he supports 5 members. We have already taken a loan to pay for my Grand Mothers medical expenses. Thus, any further financial burden on my father is not an option for me.

I have read that magic happens when talent meets opportunity. I have the right talent and a lot of passion for finance. All I need is an opportunity to prove it which will be possible if I am able to pursue CFA and move towards realising my dream.

I hope you consider my current situation and award me the CFA Access Scholarship.

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