Rotary Scholarship Essay Outline

# Incorporate into essay:

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| Please incorporate Rotary’s Four Way Test in describing your service to your school and/or community  -- Is it the truth? How were you honest with others in what you thought, said and did?  -- Is it fair to all concerned? How did you take the interests of all affected parties into consideration when making decisions, and put aside preferences and prejudices?  -- Will it build goodwill and better friendships? How did you earn the respect of others and develop friendships?  -- Will it be beneficial to all concerned? How did you deal with situations involving trade-offs in terms of whom your actions would benefit? |

# Services to your school and/or community:

# Ran the music theory club.

# Helped bag groceries for my community at QFC.

# Teens for teens board

# Why should you get this scholarship?

I’m hardworking and have a clear idea of what I want to do in life, to be an indie game designer.

# Introduction paragraph:

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| I have been interested in Game Design since I was 8. I was gifted my first sandbox game that Christmas, which was Minecraft. The idea that I could create anything to my heart’s content was so exciting. Ever since then, I’ve been pursuing my game design career. I recently have been accepted to DigiPen Institute of Technology to continue my studies in the game industry. As a game designer, I want to keep giving back to my community, and give a voice to those that cannot voice their own. |

# First service to school and/or community paragraph:

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| At my high school—Issaquah Highschool—I ran the music theory club for a couple years (from sophomore year to the end of my junior year). During my time as club president, I got to spend some time learning about organizing groups and keeping attendance as well as various other organization skills to keep our club on track. We met every week and at the beginning of every club meeting I’d present a set of slides going over some fun facts in the music industry, and then we’d go over our music theory topic of the day. There were some weeks though, where I may forget to make the slides, and I’d have to be honest with my group—they were always very forgiving. I as club president, made sure that everyone’s voice was heard by creating democratic voting sessions to determine the projects we’d work on although, sometimes we’d run into a tie, and we’d have to conclude as a group—which we often had no problem doing. This overall built new friendships within the group and I felt as though I’d earned the respect of my peers by supplying a creative space for us to work where we could all collaborate and learn together. |

# Second service to school and/or community paragraph:

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| The next service to my community I provided was working as a courtesy clerk for my local QFC grocer. I worked part-time during my junior school year with full eight hour shifts every Saturday and Sunday. It was very tough work, but I got it done. As a courtesy clerk I was bagging groceries, taking out the trash, cart-running, bathroom cleaning, general cleaning, and was a go to helper for anyone that required assistance. This meant that I was on my feet for eight hours each day and was quickly bouncing back and forth between tasks. There were sometimes though—especially during my first few weeks—where I would have to honestly tell a customer that I did not know how to help with their problem, so I would have to bring them to another staff member. Also, during a task, a customer might ask for assistance with another unrelated task, so I’d have to pause what I would be doing, help the customer—especially our disabled customers that might need help getting items off high shelves, or that might need assistance reading small labels, and then get back to the original task at hand. This required a lot of quick thinking to decide the most urgent task to do first. While working at QFC, built a much closer relationship with my community--especially many of the adults in it that would frequent our store and the respect of others by improving their shopping experience. |

# Third service to school and/or community paragraph:

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| The last community service I will list here—as these are the most prevalent of my services to my community—was being a part of a teen board for a group called *Teens for Teens.* In Issaquah there is a teen café called, *The Garage*—its purpose being to give teens a safe space after school to hangout, work on homework, do arts and crafts, etc. The Teens for Teens group’s purpose is to speak on behalf of the teens going to The Garage and make decisions for the betterment of The Garage. We meet every other Wednesday and discuss upcoming events and possible events in the space. As a group, our job was to be honest, if an event didn’t sit right with us, or another group that we didn’t quite see eye-to-eye with reached out to us to promote them, we would have to honestly deny the opportunity. Our other job was to be fair. We were representing the teens going to The Garage, and to get honest feedback from average The Garage goers, we’d have to give our fair unbiased answers. As a group we grew much closer together and earned mutual respect through dedication to the betterment of our community—even though we maybe didn’t agree on some things. On the occasion where we didn’t agree with one-another, we would have to make major compromises—which was tough on some of the heavier topics we’d cover. We also attended panels, where we would answer questions in front of our community—and answer questions they had—on many topics such as, LGBTQ+ rights, our thoughts on the global warming crisis, and how social media impacts us. |

# Fourth service to school and/or community paragraph:

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# Why you should get this scholarship:

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| I believe that I deserve the Issaquah Rotary scholarship because I am hardworking and determined to make my community a better place. DigiPen is the perfect route for me to make the world a better place—especially where people will pay attention. Games have been proven to bring communities together and provide unique perspectives in a medium that makes heavier topics more digestible. By earning this scholarship, I will help bring my community together honestly, with utmost attention to fairness and earning the respect of others. |