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Dear Alpha Kappa Psi,

My name is Shabana Arif Batcha, and I'm a first-year Engineering student at Wayne State University. I'm writing to express my interest in joining your fraternity. I strongly believe that my strong work ethic, determination, and drive would make me compatible for this fraternity and brotherhood. A little about myself is that I'm a multi-passionate person who loves exploring and trying new things. In high school, I tried various extracurriculars so I could force myself to step out of my comfort zone. Through those experiences, I developed technical skills like programming in Java and JavaScript. Then I completed a research internship during high school, which focused on CAD and 3D modeling. In addition to my technical hobbies, I enjoy archery in my free time and I've tried various sports such as Taekwondo and cross country throughout high school, which shows my dedication to challenge myself. My biggest motivation is this quote, "No good story happens from things going right," which helped me love my failures because I've always had good stories come out of it.

My main reason to join AKPsi is because of the community and the brotherhood, but also the dedication each brother brings into the frat. During rush week, after talking to several brothers, I was really inspired by how successful and driven they are. I believe AKPsi is the best place for me because of how everyone pushes each other to grow and succeed. For a person who loves to fail and grow, I believe this is the perfect environment for me.

I've worked in several jobs over the years. I've worked as a math and english tutor at a tutoring center called Best Brains, and I am currently working at Quickly Boba Cafe, but I am also going to start my second job at a garage as a sales associate. I have developed various skills from my job experiences such as managing people and customers in any given situation. I've learned to communicate effectively and work hard, while maintaining professionalism. Additionally, In high school I participated in a business club, and my position on board was director of events and outreach. My role was to outreach to any ivy league business students or small business to speak in seminars that teach high schoolers about business and finance. This role forced me to reach out and communicate with older, more experienced people, and convince them to volunteer their time for teenagers that are interested in business. This experience would make me a suitable candidate for AKPsi because I was willing to push myself out of my comfort zone and be able to speak in tough crowds. As a result, I have directed 3 successful business seminars which had over 55 teenagers participating.

In my research, I learned that AKPsi's mission is to build a diverse community of ethical and skilled business leaders. I believe that I fit right into AKPsi's mission because as an engineering major I stand out from most of the brothers. As one of the brothers told me during rush week, "Don't try to fit in as an engineering major; always stand out." This advice resonated with me because I learned that AKPsi is more than just about business, it's a community of hard working people looking to push themselves for success. As someone who loves any opportunity to grow, I believe AKPsi is the right match for me.

I am eager to have the opportunity to interview with you and further discuss my involvement in AKPsi. I am really excited to be a part of this brotherhood growing along with everyone. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Shabana Arif Batcha

