



*A creek runs through my neighbourhood. Whenever I looked at it, I see my reflection.*

*My friends see an adventurer in me. I participate in badminton and volleyball, while I also adore literature and visual arts. From debate to basketball, volunteering to arts, filming to drumming, I have developed and loved a variety of interests with open hands to new possibilities.*

*If there is a way, I will try it myself. I am confined to no boundaries, and therefore as a student, I love to take my learning opportunities beyond what is taught in school. Every year, I take the initiative to compete in math contests held by universities and other organizations. My achievements include scoring school champion in multiple Waterloo Math Contests. I also avidly participate in science competitions, leading my team to place third twice in Vancouver Science Olympics and Physics and Engineering Competitions. My curiosity always drives me to search for opportunities like these beyond what is provided to learn and challenge herself, allowing me to bare an openness to intellectual adventures.*

*My family consider me adaptable, as I can adjust to unfamiliar situations. When we immigrated to Canada, I had no friends, no experience in Canada, and no confidence in my broken English. But I bit the bullet. I talked to strangers with the risk of being mocked. I recited volumes of New Concept English. Slowly, the language barrier and cultural shock disappeared. I am proud to overcome unfamiliarity and prove that I can fit into any situation. My parents have accompanied me along the way, and they have witnessed my adaptation.*

*Strangers may say that I am involved in the community. I have demonstrated my leadership and responsibility through managing the school badminton team. From hosting tournaments to coaching, I communicated with each player despite my school work and extracurriculars. My commitment built a positive relationship between the team and each player.*

*Further extending my involvement, I have been volunteering at the local Noons Creek Hatchery for three years. My dedication to the local environment is visible as I diligently test water samples each week, advocate for environmental protection, and incubate salmon to be released into the wild. In serving a community of my peers, I am a Teen Advisory Group member at Vancouver's Science center who organizes events for teens. These events engage youth's interest in science-related activities and spark potential in youths. I try my hardest to service the people around my in various aspects. Because I know how it feels to be helped and serviced, I find it valuable to do my best for others.*

*I see myself as the creek, I make my way through unfamiliar territories with curiosity and open-mindedness. When I meet a barrier, I adjust myself to fit and conquer it with patience and perseverance. As I gain momentum in my learning journey, I meet and help others with open arms. From every point on, I will absorb from my environment and evolve dynamically.*