



Dear Scholarship Committee,

My name is Jeffrey Zhai, and I am a graduating student of Lord Byng Secondary, planning to attend Rotman Commerce at the University of Toronto. I have been able to participate in both arts and sports. My specialization at my school's mini school program is the violin. I have been playing the violin for ten years, and that has resulted in my position as the concertmaster of my school's senior orchestra for three years. In ninth grade, when I was selected as

the Concertmaster of the Senior Honour Orchestra, I was tasked with leading a large group of students in the eleventh and twelfth grade. The process of gaining their trust was anything but easy. However, I demanded quality, was vocal about their bad practice habits, lousy preparedness, and organized extra rehearsals outside of school for better results. We ended up winning the WorldStrides festival in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Portland, which were accomplishments I was really proud of. I am also indulged in the world of sports, watching Hockey, Soccer, Football, and playing basketball for the school team. Starting on the basketball team developed my teamwork and leadership qualities. I would often work extra hours with players on the bench to help their development, and whether it was one play they made in practice or more playing time during our games, I cheered on their growth. Team members occasionally conflicted over their differences and being one of the leaders I was responsible for keeping everyone together and working as a team. I made many close friends through playing basketball, and our bonds strengthened through tough games against strong opponents.

Cheers,  
Jeffrey Zhai