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CIM Scholarship Essay

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I believe that I am worthy of consideration to receive a 1000 dollar scholarship from the Lloydminster Section of the Petroleum Society of CIM, because I am committed to my program. I will be attending the University of Saskatchewan and entering the College of Engineering. I chose to enter into this program because throughout high school, I was interested in the maths and sciences that I took and want to have a career that involves them. I also chose to enter into Engineering because I want to work in the patch.

I graduated from Holy Rosary High School in June of 2007. All throughout high school I maintained an average above 80%. I took all of the grade 12 level science and math courses that were offered, and also took Advanced Placement Calculus, which is equivalent to the first year calculus that is offered at Universities. I was voted the Valedictorian of my graduating class, by my peers, and was awarded a certificate upon graduating for having volunteered over 100 hours of community service in my grade 12 year.

All throughout high school I was a part of the Student Representative Council. Together with teachers and other students I helped to plan dances, games, fundraisers, promote school spirit, car shows, and community service. It was very time consuming and took a lot of extra work, but I thoroughly enjoyed learning from everyone that was involved and helping give back to my school and community. Aside from volunteering at school I also worked at the Blake Cherry, 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament. I ran the clock one year and the next year I was the official score keeper, which involved driving from rink to rink taking the score sheets and updating the draw posters. All of the proceeds from the tournament went towards the Multiplex in Lloyd and to Kidsport.

I was able to remain focused on school while taking part in many other activities at the same time. I have played hockey since I was 5 years old. In grade 11, I played AAA Midget in Lloydminster. We practiced two to three times a week, and had two games almost every weekend. It was a large commitment because we played teams from Calgary all the way to Fort St. John, British Columbia. Last year, I played hockey in Vermilion, for the Jr. B Tigers. Practices were held twice a week as well as having games on the weekends.

I have also held a job for the past 5 years. My first part time job was at Top Source for Sports. I worked after school and on Saturdays when I didn't have hockey. It was a great experience for me and taught me that in order to be able to work, play hockey, and keep my grades up it would take a lot of effort. I worked there for 2 years and then started at Weatherford ALS. There I worked in the warehouse and got to see all of the individual pieces that made up the well

head drives and skid units that are used in the oil patch. In July of 2006, I obtained a job at Midfield/ Europump. I work in the service department now and really enjoy getting to see all that can happen when products go out into the field. My current work has really made me interested in the mechanical side of things, because we take apart the drives and skids and rebuild them. I find it very interesting getting to see the designs that have been manufactured and how they function.

In the summer I like to go to the lake on the weekends, where I enjoy spending time at the lake with my family and friends. We go boating, fishing, and do as many watersports as we can. I enjoy golfing, horse shoes, poker games, and sitting around the campfire.

I believe that I am worthy of your consideration for the scholarship because I know that I will not fail. Throughout high school I have learnt how to prioritize and manage all that I am involved in. I am excited about starting out on my own in Saskatoon. I know that I will be able to keep my grades up, and live on my own.

Thank you for your consideration.