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Dear Scholarship Chairperson:

I am currently a Grade 12 student at Frances Kelsey Secondary School, and will be graduating this Spring in June 2007. Although, I will be a little sad to leave, both, the school and the community that have been such a large part of my life up until now, I look forward to next September, when I plan to attend the University of British Columbia, where I will be working towards a Bachelor of Science degree. I have always found science to be a particularly fascinating subject, and hope to one day specialise in genetics or organic chemistry, and possibly even enter into the field of medicine where I would pursue a career as a doctor.

Throughout my scholastic career I have managed to maintain excellent grades. I have participated in a wide range of activities, but have never let my academics suffer. I have a straight A record and in the last three years all my marks have been above 90%. I have also won numerous major school awards and have placed first in my school in the Waterloo Math Competition for the last three consecutive years. However, though school is very important to me, I believe that athletics are essential as well, as they teach teamwork and sportsmanship. For the last four years I have played on, between, three and five different sports teams a year. I have played field hockey for Maple Bay School, Quamichan Middle School and Frances Kelsey every year since I became old enough. I have been voted team captain, the most valuable player and the most sportsmanlike for various field hockey teams. In addition to playing for my school, I have also had the pleasure of playing for the Cowichan Valley Junior Field Hockey Association and the Cowichan Valley Field Hockey Association for many, many years. However, field hockey is not my only athletic strength. I have also excelled in aquatics, earning my Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Water Safety Instructor Certificate and a National Lifesaving Award.

Although I enjoy athletics and music, I also find volunteering very rewarding. This fall I volunteered as a clarinet instructor at Quamichan Middle School. I have volunteered as a swimming instructor at the Cowichan Community Centre as well and am currently being certified by the Red Cross so I can pursue this further. I have also volunteered at my local SPCA and on several school committees, including the Grad Banquet and Photography committees. In addition to this, I had the pleasure of coaching U12 boys team with Catherine Kay last year, and hope to coach again this year as well. However, perhaps the one thing that I feel qualifies me best for a scholarship or Bursary is my dedication and ability to lead. I prefer to lead by example, which I feel I do in academics. I work extremely hard to maintain high marks, and I find helping my classmates very rewarding. I have also held the position of Junior Commodore at the Maple Bay Yacht Club. Being able to make a difference in the world around me is very satisfying and I will continue to work on the executive council there although my two-year term has ended.

I feel I would be an ideal candidate for the Frances Kelsey Field Hockey Bursary because I have always been hardworking and have never shied away from challenges. I have been working towards University for most of my life, and I find it hard to believe that I could give anything less than my best now that I am so close to my goal. The Frances Kelsey Field Hockey Bursary would greatly assist me financially next year, as the University has become quite costly.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to apply for this Bursary.

Sincerely,

John Smith