

## **Award Application Form**

Imperfections are completely normal. They are what make us unique and motivate us to make continuous improvements in both our careers and character. Unfortunately, imperfections visible to the naked eye play a significant role in the degradation of our self-esteem. As an individual with skin imperfections, they have caused me feelings of frustration and helplessness with myself. Fortunately, through the support of caring friends and individuals that treat me for who I am as a person and without judgement, I have learnt that imperfections are merely a fraction of who I am. They do not even begin to define me. Though I am not perfect, I have taken my weakness and transformed it into motivation to learn about the skin and different treatments; consequently, this motivation has led me down the path and captured my interest in the field of science and medicine.

In order to delve deeper and to pursue my interest in the field of science and medicine, I plan to attend the University of British Columbia (UBC). UBC is one of the most prestigious schools in British Columbia with a strong focus on the sciences; as a result, UBC will, undoubtedly, have numerous opportunities available to promote the growth and fortify my skill set while studying to become a dermatologist. While striving towards my career goal as a dermatologist, I also plan to major in languages. In order to foster my linguistic skills, I plan to study abroad during my third year of university with UBC's Go Global exchange program. With my major in languages, I will have the opportunity of being able to work in different countries that do not speak English.

Moreover, I plan to attain a TESL Certificate alongside of my work of completing a Bachelor of Science program. With a TESL Certificate, I plan to someday travel to different communities around Asia to teach English. Though I am passionate to pursue my interests, I realize that the road I am partaking is an arduous one. I will need patience and perseverance to complete my Bachelor of Science degree and medical school. Unfortunately, the amount of learning is not only the obstacle I must face, but it is also my ability to finance my education. I plan to fund my education though scholarships, co-op placements, and part-time jobs.

Fortunately, I am not swayed by the difficulties that lay ahead; I believe the hardships I will encounter will strengthen me as an individual. I am eager learn as much as I can and offer my skills to those in need. Wholeheartedly, I hope I will have the honour of shining a light upon those in need.



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## Career Statement

My whole life I've been searching for that one specific subject that lights me up, the one area I'm so invested in that it will make all post-secondary decisions obvious. I have come to realize that this isn't the case for me. There isn't one niche that I fit into; rather, I enjoy learning all subjects. However, what drives my lifestyle, thoughts, and actions is making the world a better place. Compassion for all living creatures and the environment ignites a spark within me, and I plan on following that light where it takes me. I have applied for engineering and sciences at various universities; the results of these applications will determine which route I will take. After my bachelor's degree, I plan to further my studies in law or education. My career goal ultimately is to use my post-secondary education as a tool so that I can contribute in even greater ways to the development and amelioration of the world.

Engineering and sciences have endless potential for positively impacting society on many levels, leaving room for growth and opportunities in numerous directions. Many women have bridged humanitarian or environmental service through science and engineering. Civil engineers have built bridges that make medical care and education more accessible. Biomedical engineers have created more accessible prosthetics. Biochemists have worked to improve water quality. Biologists and environmentalists have worked to preserve biodiversity. I have applied to programs so that I can further explore options while developing skills and knowledge that enable me to contribute to the betterment the world.

After studying sciences or engineering, I will continue my educational journey into law or education. Law and teaching are both portals to a positive future which I intend to help shape. My interest in law stems from my involvement in BC Youth Parliament, where I have experienced the importance of writing clear legal language and considered the impact laws have on the world and communities we inhabit. Through law, I could advocate for causes and ensure vulnerable voices are heard. Alternatively, as a teacher, I could empower future generations to make positive differences and to care deeply about our collective future.

The time frame of my post-secondary studies is five to eight years. Although this is a large time commitment, every minute will be invaluable to furthering my education and life goals. While my career goals may seem ambitious, earning a comfortable income while pursuing passions and making the world a better place make my goals worthy of pursuit. When I am able to contribute to society and the environment while supporting myself and my family, then the time and effort will have been truly worthwhile.