

Personal Essay

It was eight years ago when my father decided that our family should move to the United States. The Philippines, under the tenure of President Joseph Estrada, experienced political turmoil and economic instability. When I moved to the US, I observed the freedoms that the citizens enjoy, the freedom of speech, the right to good education and so much more. And so, I made a solemn vow that I want to make my distinctive contributions to this country. I refuse to simply be a resident. I want to be an American citizen maximizing all the great opportunities our great nation has to offer.

Answering the question “What makes you the right recipient for the Lint Center Scholarship” is difficult. I am neither foolish nor proud not to realize that there are thousands of deserving students. I do know that I possess unique skills and abilities that will be harnessed because of this scholarship. I have an innate love for language and ethnic studies. I want to use this scholarship to prove to people of various ethnic background and national origin that US rewards hard work and that US values diversity and equal opportunity. Moreover, I also possess leadership skills that allow me to empower the members of my team towards achieving a common goal. I want this scholarship to give me credibility, so that I can lead professional organizations and positively influence the people around me. Lastly, I am an eager student, seeking for knowledge and guidance. I am in need of a mentor who will teach me about national security, national defense and even professional development.

I firmly believe that a career in the Intelligence Community is not a job, it is a calling. In order to work for the IC, one has to embrace the values of excellence, commitment, honesty and service before self. One has to be committed to protecting the safety and security of the US citizens even when it is difficult or inconvenient. With a good education, outstanding values and the support of the Intelligence Community, I am certain that I am able to impact this great country.

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