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Dear EMCS School Awards Committee:

RE: EMCS SCHOOL AWARDS

Please accept my application for School Awards as indicated on my included application form. Currently, I am in Grade 12 at Edward Milne Community School. I plan to attend full time classes at Camosun College in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. I hope to eventually work as a nurse in an Intensive Care Unit.

My interest in health care started when I was 15 years old and my cousin was seriously injured in a workplace accident. He spent several weeks in the ICU where I visited him regularly. The nursing staff provided an amazing level of care and I witnessed the huge impact they have on people's lives. I became interested in the scientific side of health care as well as the social side. The ICU nurses not only gave my cousin the very latest in science-based treatment, but they spent many hours talking with him and our family to support us all through a very difficult time. A job as an ICU nurse would be a perfect fit for me given my strong interests in science and helping others through challenging times.

In school, I have enjoyed my math and science courses the most. In my Grade 12 year I'm taking Chemistry 12, Anatomy and Physiology 12, Physics 12, and Pre-Calculus 12. Throughout high school I've been on the honour roll each year. In addition to focusing on my studies, I've been very involved with our school's theatre department. I've taken musical theatre, drama, and film classes. This year I was selected for the lead role in the musical theatre production, "Fame!". My other school-related activity is Leadership where I've had the opportunity to take the lead on a major fundraising project for the local library where we raised over \$10,000.

Last year, I won a spot in the Heart and Stroke Foundation High School Summer Research Program. During this program, I had the opportunity to work in a medical laboratory in the Department of Pathology at UBC. I was able to work with a researcher in a real laboratory setting and got hands-on experience in a medical-related field. This program gave me valuable experience in research techniques, lab safety, and medical science.

My interests outside school include scuba diving and skeet shooting. I began scuba diving at the age of 13 and have been a member of the Sooke Scuba Club since then. As a member of the Scuba Club, I organized an underwater garbage clean up where all our club members used their diving skills to clean up trash from the waters in our local harbour. I've also joined the Greater Victoria Skeet Shooting Club two years ago and have worked hard to improve my skills in the sport. Last summer, I was proud to place second at the Vancouver Island Skeet Shooting Tournament. I plan to continue both diving and skeet shooting during post-secondary.

Currently, I am employed part-time at the East Gate Gardens Restaurant as a dishwasher. I've worked there for 3 years and have been saving money for my post-secondary education. However, both my twin brother and I are graduating this year, and the costs of post-secondary education will put considerable financial strain on my family. Because the tuition fees in British Columbia are rising, I am in need of financial aid in order to pursue a degree.

I'm excited to be starting my post-secondary education this fall and I'm looking forward to eventually making a difference in the lives of others during my career as a nurse. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Sincerely,

Robert Loblaw