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Judging Committee  
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Dear Judging Committee,

This letter is to inform you that I am interested in pursuing a career as a pediatric oncologist. I am currently a senior at Betty H. Fairfax High School and will graduate in May of 2018. I will be attending Northern Arizona University in the fall of 2018 and residing at the Honors College, where I will be pursuing a major in biomedicine and a minor in chemistry. The focus of my studies will allow me to remain on the correct path in order to go to medical school and become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, after which I will focus on specializing in pediatrics and participating in a fellowship program to sub-specialize in pediatric oncology.

I am currently a third year International Baccalaureate chemistry student, and I am doing my own independent study on the subject. This includes researching and performing new lab projects based on the topic of focus, as well as doing college-level course work. Along with this, being given the opportunity to perform various lab experiments in chemistry over these past years, my patience and problem-solving skills have benefited tremendously. I have also gained leadership skills with having to help out my classmates or having to execute and explain a lab experiment in front of the class. My ability to work in teams and communicate strongly is also shown in that performing lab experiments often times requires working in teams of two or more people. Coordination, planning, and communication is key to presenting a successful lab. These skills, combined with various others, are important ones to possess in order to be successful as a person who is striving to be in the medical field.

I have gained experience in working with children by volunteering at my local dance studio for the past couple of years, teaching children between the ages of three and eight. I understand what it takes to work well with young kids, as well as how to work with parents and other adults. This experience gave me the opportunity to demonstrate my ability to lead as well as my ability to be compassionate and helpful towards other people. Along with this, I was able to shadow a pediatrician for a full day and observe him while he examined patients. This allowed me to look into what a day in the life of a pediatrician was like, and helped me better understand what I would more or less be expecting in the future.

The experiences and skills that I have make me an excellent candidate to be considered as a future pediatric oncologist. I am confident that I will be able to achieve my goals, all while working on sharpening my skills and furthering my education. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maya Hadzic