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Attention: Undergraduate Admissions

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I am a student in my last year of high school at the Qatar Academy, holding a grade average of B-. In addition to studies, I am involved in many extra-curricular activities. I enjoy sports and am on the basketball, volleyball and football teams. In Grade 10 I was awarded Sportswoman of the Year for my involvement in multiple sports and outstanding performance. I have assisted in coaching Grade 6 football and helped facilitate a scavenger hunt that took place for first year students at the Academy. The purpose of this is to familiarize the new students with the layout of the campus, thus making them feel less anxious about their upcoming school year. I also helped a blind student with her studies by reading aloud passages to her. Other volunteer activities I have participated in include wrapping presents for poor children and participation in a Ramadan suitcase project. The latter involved collecting suitcases of food, which were then distributed to poor communities of Doha. I found this particular volunteer activity enlightening in that I had never experienced poverty in Qatar and was shocked to see it because Qatar is a very wealthy country.

I am eager to continue my education at your University because of the quality of its Business Studies program as well as its location. My desire for a career in Business stems in part from growing up with my father, who is a successful businessman and currently the Minister of State in Qatar. While attending the Qatar Academy, I furthered my interest in this area by enrolling in an International Business (IB) Program. Faced with vigorous and demanding courses, I learned quickly that commitment is important to this area of study and became a committed student. The variety and complexity of the courses prompted me to develop good time management skills, which improved my life both academically and in extra-curricular endeavors. I interacted with many other students from various economic classes and ethnic cultures, which helped me to develop a respect for lifestyles not of my country. Coming from a wealthy family, I also realized how important equality is in mitigating factors that hold back some populations, such as poverty or disability.

During the two years of IB education, my favorite course was Business Studies. I hope to achieve a deep understanding of all aspects of this field and, upon graduation, assist my father in his business to learn practical applications of my knowledge and gain real-life experience before starting up my own business. My ultimate goal is to become a successful Qatari businesswoman, as such women are rare in this country today.

My father has been my greatest inspiration and has positively impacted my life and my decision to enter the field of business. Always believing in me, he encouraged me to fulfill my dreams and provided me with the best education. Seeing the success he has attained drives me to follow in his footsteps and if I can become half the businesswoman that he is businessman, I will feel I have accomplished this goal. Another person from whom I derive inspiration is her Highness Shaikha Mozah Nasser Al-Misned, wife of the Emir of Qatar. She has been a valuable asset to the women of this country, who now have voting rights and are able to play more significant roles in society. She also ensured the education of Qataris by establishing Education City where many prestigious universities are represented.

Born in Doha Qatar, I have lived here my entire life with my parents and six siblings as well as extended family. As a family, we enjoy travel during holidays. I have been to Paris, Italy, Spain, Lebanon and many other wonderful places, but London is by far my favorite. I have friends and family who live there, and I have been a frequent visitor since I was a child, which is why I centered my choice of universities

around London. In addition, I am very proud of my Arabic heritage and eager to represent my country abroad.

I know I will be an asset to your University because I am committed, willing to learn, and fascinated by the subject matter. Business is my passion, and I will be able to bring the knowledge and skills I learn in college to my home country of Qatar and use them to benefit the growth of this region. My friends describe me as “determined” because when I make a choice to do something I do not let anything deter me from that path. I describe myself as “enthusiastic” because I have yet to find something that is not ~~interesting to me in~~ its own unique way. These two traits enable me to be open to new experiences without prejudice and to be committed to challenges I take on, regardless of obstacles. My favorite book, *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller, centers on a man who is trying to live the American Dream, but fails because he hangs on to disappointments from his past. This book, and my own life experience, has taught me to never hold onto regret of decisions made in the past. Each mistake is a learning experience and vital to becoming a more independent and respected person. By learning from my mistakes I choose to become as success, not merely dream about it.

Respectfully,