



## **WRITE YOUR STORY: Samples**

### **Lucy**

A few important things to know about me before you read my application are that I am the only child of Chinese immigrants, and I grew up speaking Chinese at home. As a student, I love math, biology, and other life sciences. Outside the classroom, I have devoted myself to gymnastics and I have achieved a lot in the sport, but because of a recurring strain in my right ankle, I am retiring from the sport, and I am ready to pursue my photography and martial arts with the same devotion I gave to gymnastics. Close friends and family describe me as persistent, kind, and inquisitive. Right now, I imagine I will pursue a career in sports medicine.

### **Matthew**

A few important things to know about me before you read my application are that I live in rural Vermont and that I am homeschooled. As a student, I'm most interested in subjects that have practical applications (like history, because you learn from the past), and I like hands-on learning. Outside the classroom, I'm either working at my part-time job or doing something sports related. Close friends and family describe me as upbeat, encouraging, and fanatical about my "teams." Right now, I imagine I will own and operate my own business, probably a restaurant.

### **Rania**

A few important things to know about me before you read my application are that I am a citizen of Jordan, an observant Muslim, and from a family that is prominent in the Middle East and noted for our civic and political involvement. As a student, I am a voracious reader of literature (in 3 languages) and I love debating all things political; I love any assignment that includes writing (even my extended essay for the IB program). Outside the classroom, I'm into a little bit of everything since my parents are big believers in cultivating your body, mind, and soul – my favorite activities are playing the piano, tennis and yoga, working in my mother's recently opened boutique, and doing community service in the nearby farming village. Close friends and family describe me as cosmopolitan, energetic, and determined. Right now, I imagine that I will work in business, journalism, or politics with the aim to restore relations between the Middle East and the West.

### **Tom**

A few important things to know about me before you read my application are that I'm the oldest child in a very close-knit family and that I would be the first person in my family to leave the state to go to college. As a student, I'm into science, and inspired by physicist Richard Feynman; I've even done summer courses in astrophysics just for fun. Outside the classroom, I play drums in a garage band and water polo. Close friends and family describe me as curious, smart, responsible, and funny (once you get my brand of humor). Right now, I imagine myself as a physicist who makes some miraculous scientific breakthrough.

### **Nancy**

A few important things to know about me before you read my application are that I am a city girl, having been raised in Manhattan, and that I'm named for Nancy Drew, of teenage girl detective fame. As a student, I've always done well because I'm the kind of person who just loves learning, but I didn't speak that much in class because I was a bit shy – that is until 10<sup>th</sup> grade when I got furious when a group of loud mouth boys were dominating the discussion and then I found my voice! Outside the classroom, I read contemporary fiction, write short stories and poetry (two of my stories and one of my pieces of poetry have been published in anthologies by a major publishing house), and participate in drama club and school plays. Close friends and family describe me as thoughtful, creative, and passionate about words. Right now, I imagine that I will be a writer (and hopefully make enough money that I won't have to live with my parents).