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### Scholarship Essay for Computer Science Graduate Program

I have always been interested in electronic gadgets since my childhood. During my school studies I took physics, chemistry and computer science in elective subjects and from there my interest in gadgets grew into passion. During the school summer vacations my school gave me an assignment to develop some small, useful, and economical electronic gadget. The school also announces a price of 100 United States Dollar for the inventor of best useful gadget. I prepare a small torch light made up of old mobile phone battery and car navigation bulbs. The idea was appreciated by the school competition jury and I won the prize. This small invention of mine boosts up my confidence and my interest in gadgets.

From this school prize money I bought a personal computer, as I belong to a lower middle class family, my parents were unable to buy a computer for me. I found computer very useful and due to lack of knowledge I downloaded stuff from all sort of websites. After some time I realized that my computer has lost its speed and a day came when the windows were corrupted. I paid 10 dollars from my pocket money to a programmer in order to fix it. After this incident, I decided to get some knowledge about computers and collect my pocket money for months. Then I took admission in computer language certificate courses such as, C++, J++, and Java.

After acquiring these certificates I worked for North West Computer Programming Company as a junior programmer. At this company I not only get hands on experience but I also developed a small inventory management system for a local vendor and an enterprise resource planning program for a local community center. I did not receive appreciation from the clients but my company paid for more computer courses. I did a diploma course in Information Technology and Cisco Certified Network Associate course from this money.

However, these courses did not satisfy my quench for computer knowledge and I wanted to learn more. I decided to pursue my graduation in the field of computer science therefore; I applied for computer science graduation programs of several universities and got admission in BS Computer Science Program at College of Arts and Science, American University, Washington DC.

As I have mentioned earlier I belong to a lower middle class family, I am unable to pay the admission and semester fees of the university. Therefore, I am in need of financial assistance as the last date of fees submission is on 10<sup>th</sup> of July. The American University did not offer any scholarship for the computer science programs however, after reviewing my past record the university has decided to reduce my fees up to 25 percent.

While looking for educational financial assistance and grants I came to know about the Hisrich Boil Educational Assistance merit cum need based scholarship program. I completely fulfill the eligibility criteria set by the organization and I have attached all the necessary documents required by the organization. I therefore, request the authorities to kindly look into this matter and consider my application on urgent basis. By giving financial assistance to me, the Hisrich Boil Educational Assistance will fulfill the dream of a lower middle class man.