

## Personal Statement

(Hopes & Dreams)

Since I was a child, I had a passion for creating and designing things from scratch into something useful. After doing deep research, I found mechanical engineering to be compatible with my passion and dreams. Although mechanical engineering might be challenging, I am sure I have the enthusiasm and determination to overcome any upcoming challenges. It is astonishing how mechanical engineers could help create something so useful from simple ideas, which is what attached me to pursue this major. Initially, I decided to study abroad and join one of the best engineering programs in the world in a university that has an excellent academic curriculum and an amazing reputation to contribute to my future career as a mechanical engineer. I believe that joining this scholarship will support my decision as all the universities associated with it are top notch and that is why I am very confident to apply.

Education is important, however I also needed to build my body as well. Therefore, during high school I decided to join my school's football team as a center-back. I was dedicated to training four times a week for two years, which required a lot of hard-work and commitment. As we competed in tournaments against other schools, we finished second in my first year, but as we grew stronger and better the year after we ended up winning the tournament. Those two years of hard work and devotion helped me realize the importance of teamwork and how to manage my time. After I decided to take a break from football, my parents suggested I pursue another sport. There were many options, but I decided to join a tennis academy. At first, I didn't enjoy playing tennis, but after a couple of months it grew on me. I started getting better and competing against other players in the academy. My coaches suggested that I spend more hours to participate in country wide tournaments, but unfortunately, I didn't have the time to take on more hours due to my study schedule. However, my time with the tennis academy gave me self-confidence because on the tennis court one must trust in oneself and calculate every move one thinks and executes with power and precision.

Alongside sports I enrolled in extracurricular courses. One of those courses was robotics. It was two-hours three times a week. During that time, we had to build a moving robot that delivers small packages to close destinations after our instructor divided us into groups of three. Building the robot took us about one month and programming it took us a week. After we completed the endeavor, our instructor rated all the robots, and we won the best robot of the course and earned a certificate of attendance. What I liked the most about this course is that it really showed me the value of thinking, designing, building, failing, rebuilding and succeeding. This was a result of working hard, working as a team and not fearing to make mistakes and overcome it.

Now that I have gained some of the skills needed to help me pursue my dreams, I hope that studying abroad at a reputable university to shape and hone my knowledge and personality to increase my chances of becoming a successful mechanical engineer. Furthermore, studying in a foreign country will introduce me to new cultures and help build my character, enhance my decision making, independence and self-reliance. Upon completion of my degree, I hope to contribute to my country by joining Saudi Aramco, one of the largest oil companies in the world.

All my knowledge and expertise would be to give back to Aramco and Saudi Arabia and hopefully one day my hard work and dedication will enable me to register so many patents and equations in the field of Mechanical Engineering that would help humanity. I hope today's dreams would become tomorrow's achievement and reality. One of the things I promised myself upon being awarded this scholarship is to take full responsibility of my studies and excel as much as I can, as the sky is the limit.