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## Personal Background Essay

Az teh skn on mah feets wuz sloowlee rubbin awai in fifti dolla Canadeean Tire skates, I blisfullee watchedd teh grup of talnted skaters on teh othr end of teh bumpy ice rink in Olympik Plaza. Dey laffed az dey exitd teh fastst, most mesmerizin spin mah nine yeer old eyes had evr seen. I stared at dem n tried to copy teh laffter dat wuz a translashun of how eazy teh spin dey jus pulled off wuz az if I did not hav enuff werk ahead of me to get to der levl. Teh remaynder of teh skn on mah yung feets in dose fifti dolla skates wud blister n bleed to nuthin b4 I wud get off teh ice wifout bein forced to leav by a shiverin parent wantin to go n sit in teh warm car. One of mah strenks in teh present time n even wen I wuz a kid, wuz remembrin. Remembrin a feelin I had n not lettin go of it until I wuz livin in it. So, I startd at teh Airdree Skatin Club teh followin yeer becuz I kept remembrin how I felt watcheen dose skaters dedikate themselvs to a sport n havin teh abilitii to laff off der beautifull werk like it wuz somethin dey wuz desined to do. I hav not changd much since dis point in mah life in terms of mah strenks, goals, intrests, or aspirashuns. I changd mah major, changd universitees, n changd a hole career path n az I reflect, I often wondr how much time I hav wasted az I look to mah peers farthr ahead in der future laffin off teh hard werk dey hav done. Mah nineteen yeer old self iz in teh same posishun ten yeers later. I menshunned dat I hav not changd much in dat area since n it's true. A strong desire to do n try evrythin still follows me but I reach mah limits n turn mah back if I see mahself unable to succeed long term. Mah intrests n strenkth hav alwais been around tryin somethin dat allowd me to gain skillz in az many areas az possibl. Gymnastiks, dance, "

Az teh skn-skn on mah feeetz wuz slooow-slo rubba-wubbin awaaaay in fifty-dolla Canay-deen Tyre skaytz, I blissy-blink'd at teh bunch-a-talnt skaytrz way over on teh uther bumpa-bump side of teh icy-slide rink in Olym-plick Plazzzuh. Dey haff'd an snort'd az dey swoosh'd outta teh faaastest, spinny-wirly, brain-zap twirl mah nine-yeer eyeballz had evar peek'd at.I gawkt at dem an trieda mirror der giggle-noiz, laffter dat meant "dat wuz nothin," az if I didn't haz a mountain-stack of werk-n-effort befor I'd evar zoom-spin like dat. Teh leftover bits of skn on mah baby-feets in dose fifty-dolla skaytz wud bubble-pop an bleed to zilch befor I'd escape teh ice wifout a shiver-shakin parent yankin me away to go toast up in teh warm vroom-car. One-a mah strenks—now-times an back wen I wuz tiny—wuz remem-berrin. Remem-berrin feelz an grip-grabbin dem till I wuz livin smack-dab inside em. Sooo I scoot'd into Airdree Skaytin Club teh nex yeer cuz dat feel kept knockin in mah head, watchin dem skaytrz grind-glow at der sport an laff off der pretty-werk like it wuz stitched into der bones. I ain't swerved much since den—strenks, wish-thangz, brain-itchz, dreamy-goalz all still hangin round. I flip'd mah major, hop-swap'd univer-siteez, zigzag'd a whole careen road, an now I squint-back an wonder how much time I poof'd away while peer-folk zoom ahead, chucklin soft at teh hard-werk heaps dey already done. Mah nineteen-yeer me iz still parked in teh same 1  
brain-spot ten yearz latr.

## References - Coach Reference #1 (Reference Form and Letter of Recommendation)

### Reference Form

(to be filled out by the reference)

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Airdrie Skating Club Scholarship committee will rely greatly on the information supplied by those who know the applicants well. Significant consideration is not only given to the individuals skating ability, but also their integrity, respect and community involvement.

We will use this information to determine the skaters eligibility for this award. In the event the students makes a formal access request under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, this information may be accessible, although general practice would be to treat this information as being provided in confidence.

- In what capacity do you know the applicant?
  - As the applicants \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- Please rate the applicant below:

	Outstanding	Very Good	Good	Average
Contributions to the Club/community	_____			
Interest and respect for others	_____			
Demonstrates leadership qualities	_____			
Future Academic Promise	_____			
Motivation	_____			

- Please provide some rational as to why the applicant deserves the scholarship from Airdrie Skating Club. This can either be below or in a separate letter recommendation.

Reference Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to fill out and return this information. Please return this completed reference form by email to [treasurer@airdrieskatingclub.com](mailto:treasurer@airdrieskatingclub.com)

All applications and reference forms must be received no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

[Redacted]

Professional Figure Skating Coach

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

January 27th, 2025

Airdrie Skating Club  
Box 10152  
Airdrie AB, T4A 0H5

To the Airdrie Skating Club Scholarship Committee,

[Redacted]



## Reference #2

### Personal Reference #1 (Reference Form and Letter of Recommendation)

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[REDACTED]

Date: January 29, 2025

**RE: Letter of Recommendation**

Dear Scholarship Committee,

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

## University of Calgary Acceptance Letter



### Office of the President

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University of Calgary  
2500 University Drive NW  
Calgary, AB, Canada T2N 1N4  
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[REDACTED]

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

[REDACTED]

I am pleased to present you with this offer of admission to join the extraordinary community of learners at the University of Calgary for the 2024-25 academic year. Soon, you will join a community of over 37,000 students at one of Canada's top research-intensive universities and find out firsthand what makes our campus so unique.

This relatively young campus has experienced phenomenal growth, and we aim to continue this upward trajectory with a bold new strategic plan, *Ahead of Tomorrow*. This plan represents our foundational commitments to increase access to an impactful and future-focused education; to harness the power of research and innovation to tackle society's biggest challenges; to locate community at the centre of all we do; and to streamline our processes. In essence, we are renewing our promise to empower you with the tools and expertise to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to continue to serve our community with pride.

We strive for inimitable excellence through innovative teaching and learning, cutting-edge exploration, and community engagement. University of Calgary alumni have excelled in their fields and led monumental change, both in Canada and beyond. In our quest to spark global impact, we can't wait for you to join our campus and be a part of this momentum.

On behalf of our University of Calgary community, I wish you every success as you embark on your university journey.

Sincerely,

Edward McCauley, PhD, FRSC  
President and Vice-Chancellor