

Lily Pharmacy and Stores Ltd: Scholarship Lily Scholars 2012-2013 – Essay 003

Given Topic:

Many people seek admission to higher institutions of education so that they can become productive members of society after they graduate. What contributions can you make to society while you are still a student?

It is very important that your grammar and spelling are correct. We shall pay attention to structure, depth, applicability and organization of your essay. Limit your essay to between 750-1000 words. Good luck!

Best essay submitted by candidate (as written):

THE CONTRIBUTIONS I CAN MAKE TO THE SOCIETY WHILE I AM STILL A STUDENT

There is this popular story of a young boy who planned big for his mother when he grows up to be a man. He always boasts that he will build a house, a mansion, for that matter for his mum, buy cars, and so on. But he never thought of the little things he could do for his mum as a boy. Even when such opportunities come his way, he was always finding one way or the other to escape it. He could have helped his mum with some domestic chores, maybe fetch water, firewood etc but he would not.

It is not a good idea to wait till after graduation before one become very useful to the society. In fact, there is all likelihood that such a person would rather become useful to himself alone upon graduation.

It is my own believe that starting with the little one has at one's disposal is most paramount. For this reason, I'm not just writing this for writing sake, I'm writing what I can actually do and moreso, what I have been doing, in my humble capacity to help the society, whenever the opportunity comes.

Wole Soyinka, the literary guru, once said in one of his speeches that "Africa would only begin to reap development when they learn to sow in education." I have imbibed this philosophy long before now and have learnt to educate any younger ones everywhere. We are the future leaders, our arm and power to lead is on how much we know – the knowledge we have gained, the wisdom. In my village, Arua Offot, I use to organize lessons for my neighbours children and who ever would like to send his/her child, for free. I do this for secondary school undergraduates during my holidays, when I'm back home. While in school, I have partner with the student body severally to organize career counseling for secondary school students. This I hope would help them to make a choice for their best career in the nearest future. I have also been able to donate educational materials like exercise books, pens, pencils with my humble

strength. I make this as any priority, knowing very well that we can only be good leaders of tomorrow if are knowledgeable.

I also engage in church activities, like singing, playing the musical instrument and making or writing songs for the church choir. Doing this, I believe uplifts the spirit of the lowly spirited, feeds the soul and lots more.

There is also this special interest I have for road traffic control. And I think that apart from church activities, this is another area that I spend most of my extra times on. I enjoy doing this and not so only, it gladdens my heart when I know that my little effort has helped clear conjested road, abate accidents and safe lives, which is actually my very essence in pharmacy.

Yes, I can work, voluntarily in a pharmacy as a student. I could help out in dispensing of some drugs and then counsel patients, in my community. This goes a long way to meeting their health needs, providing professional counsel, even when I am yet a student. Actually, because I have learnt a lot and to the best of my knowledge can offer same for service of my community.

This is my humble contribution.

Reasons why we like it: It has a good, strong opening, which catches the attention of the reader and makes him want to read more. The examples provided are specific, and most are related to personal experience. Good references make for a more interesting essay, and they suggest that the writer is well-read and able to make good connections between different aspects of life.

Things that could be improved: The essay has no conclusion, which makes the ending seem a bit abrupt. The writer may not have given himself enough time to go over his work, so there are several grammatical and spelling mistakes which affect the reading of the essay. Additionally, the length of the essay fell short of the word limit of 750-1000 words.