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PA Undergraduate
Scholar

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Bachelor of Social
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1. What motivated you to apply for the PA Scholarship?

I was driven by a strong desire to serve the community and make a difference in the public sector.

My time as an intern at North West Community Development Council (CDC) made me realise the importance of strengthening interpersonal bonds, and how that will impact Singapore's social compact. Being actively involved on the ground during my internship period and participating in various volunteering experiences solidified my aspiration to serve and give back to society. I believe there is no better way to achieve this than by directly addressing the needs of citizens and solving key challenges. Challenges in the world constantly evolve, and I hope to utilise my skills and experiences, along with a fresh perspective from my recent education to bring new ideas that will benefit the community.

2. How has the Scholarship supported you in your academic journey?

The scholarship serves a driving force and motivation for me to engage in a wide range of academic and co-curricular activities in university, with the aim of making a greater contribution to the community after completing my education.

I have always wanted to do political science and delve into areas such as law and economics. This has been made possible with the scholarship, enabling me to diversify my academic experiences and hone myself in a more all-rounded way. I was also able to pursue my interests in theatre, knowing that it allows me to enhance my public speaking skills and articulate my thoughts more effectively. Additionally, the scholarship has heightened my motivation to volunteer with a sense of purpose to residents and the community, and to interact with people from different countries as an ambassador in the Asian Youth Leaders Organisation.

3. What kind of impact do you hope to have in your future career with PA?

In these trying times, I believe that it is crucial for citizens to work hand in hand with the government, based on shared interests to progress and prosper. As such, I hope to strengthen both people-to-people and people-to-government bonds by promoting greater harmony and increasing collaboration.

Maintaining racial and inter-generational harmony amidst geopolitical events and an aging population in Singapore is essential for our unique demographics to thrive in the long term. To enhance ties, I believe in greater dialogues between the government and people to understand the interests and perspectives of the nation. Asking questions and engaging in conversations will foster emergence of new ideas and perspectives, ultimately contributing to the nation's progress.