Common Application Personal Statement for College (Important Details Changed)

I define my identity and background by my love for my family, my passion for piano music, my enjoyment of sports, and my interest in history and science. Understanding each of these will give you a better appreciation of me as a person.

I live with the most important people in my life: my father Frank, my mother Anne, and my sister Rachel. Growing up, I would watch movies and would always notice the typical brother bullying his sister. That wasn't the case with us. We would always play games and would compete with each other to see who got the better grades in school no matter how nerdy that sounded. When I was eight years old, my uncle John, who used to live with us, taught me how to play the piano. After school, I would spend hours in his room with him learning the basics of playing a piano. My family encouraged me to pursue my interest in music and to seek greater educational opportunities.

In high school, I joined the Piano Ensemble. Based on my years of playing piano in middle school and elementary school, I thought I was certain to be put in the Advanced Piano Class. I was especially proud of my performance "Famous Song" by Famous Band in my audition. However, during my audition, it became apparent that I lacked an understanding of sheet music and music theory and I was placed in the Beginning Piano Class. At first, I viewed this as a humiliating setback, but in time I came to see it as an opportunity to learn. I redoubled my efforts to learn music theory and within 2 years I was promoted to the Advanced Piano Class. I received an award from National Musician Association for participating in the 20XX Regional Symposium. This experience helped me grow as a person and experience different types of music. I also began to perform for my classmates.

In my first year of high school I became close with my classmate Alex and he introduced me to Pioneering New Music Style. At first I thought it was just a mixture of jazz and rock music but in time I came to see it as its own genre. Together we practiced and rehearsed Pioneering New Music Style until we were invited to perform in front of the whole school. My teachers and classmates loved our performance and invited us to play again. I was excited about the opportunity to share my passion for music.

I have been involved in other activities in high school. I joined the soccer club and fitness club with my friends to stay disciplined and strong. I always look forward to Thursday after school when I play soccer with the team. Exercise and sports have greatly improved my life. I had asthma as a child and I feel that my active lifestyle helped cure it. My asthma was a real problem for me in elementary and middle school and I am glad I overcame it.

I have been in the principal's honor roll for the past two years of high school. My favorite classes are history and science. My elective class in Marine Biology introduced me to a whole new world. I loved learning about different underwater organisms such as Cnidarians and sharks. I admired how well adapted these organisms were to the underwater environment. My studies of World History and US History gave me a greater understanding of different worldviews. I would like to continue these studies in college, as well as seeking additional learning experiences in music.