

Part 2.

Scholarship Interview Questions

Write about 3 of your greatest achievements using the following framework:

1. Characteristic/LOVE/ PASSION
2. Anecdote- little story\ROLE MODEL
3. Achievement
4. Thank everyone/grateful

(400 words)

At 2 years of age, my Dad introduced me to the game of chess by obtaining a **beginner's** guide of chess booklet and coached me. I spent hours every day learning the game and **tried trying** to beat him. The way the pieces move, the value of each piece, the opening few moves, **and** the strategies and tactics intrigued me and piqued my curiosity.

Every zeptosecond of my time, I practice my game. I gained my confidence and aptitude, to the point where I reached my summit, **and** defeated him with a checkmate.

In year 2, **a** Friday chess lesson was offered at school. After much pleading and begging, I finally convinced my Mum that I was able and ready for a chess lesson guided by trained coaches. I received awards in all the lessons throughout the year.

My parents recognised my effort and determination. They reached out to my uncle who **practised** under **the** tutelage of a chess Grandmaster.

Under my uncle's tutoring, I learnt assorted opening, middle and end-game tactics, blind chess (you turn and **are** unable to see the board, called out the square where you would like the piece to move to) and last but not least the Fischer random chess (also known as Chess960, is a variation of the game of chess invented by the former world chess champion Bobby Fischer).

On my 10th birthday, I received a chess clock, one that is used at The International Masters and World Champion **games** from my uncle.

I continuously lost against my uncle, even when I had all of my pieces and he removed two of his most powerful pieces, the queen and rook. Once the game ended, he walked me through his strategies, thought process and blunders that I had made. He encouraged me to refine my strategies, how **to** think a few steps ahead of my opponent and the ability to make thoughtfully considered decisions under pressure.

I was and still am determined to beat him. One of these days, I shall reach my next summit, winning the game against him via checkmate.

To date, I am the recipient of the Junior Chess O'Carroll Cup for 2 years in a row, **with** seven medals and three trophies through weekly chess competitions at school.

Due to my achievements, I have been nominated by my school and hand-selected by **the** Sydney Academy of Chess to join the NSW Elite Chess training program for promising young players. I would like to thank my parents, my uncle and my chess coaches for their support, understanding, encouragement, guidance and patience. I am a better chess player because of them.

That's an inspiring journey of mastering your passion by working on it constantly with conviction. You did a fantastic job!

I would really like you to add about other aspects of your life. This piece however shows your conviction but this piece lacks emotions.

You must infuse some emotions into this piece, for instance how you felt while working so hard towards your goals. Or you might add emotions while receiving so many awards. You should utilise highly impactful emotive vocab to express your emotions.

You have to work on the grammatical errors highlighted to get a good mark.

All in all, you did exceptionally amazing, keep up the great work!

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