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### Sample Essays and Cover Letters

\* Tip: If the application asks for an essay, write in essay form. If the application asks for a cover letter, write in letter form.

#### Sample Essay/Cover Letter 1

I am applying for the Ralph M. and Emmalyn E. Freeman Honors Scholar Program Scholarship. Presently, I am a junior in the nursing program. I believe my chosen profession will enable me to fulfill all of my desires to help others, to continuously expand my knowledge base and skills and to travel the world. Throughout my life I have participated in extracurricular activities including valuable volunteer experiences. I have striven for academic excellence, always wishing to make the most of my education. In addition, I have managed to work to provide for some of the basic expenses that students have. Next year this will especially important, as I will no longer be receiving the Chancellor Scholarship.

Education has always been an important aspect of my life. While in high school I managed to take challenging courses such as advanced placement English and calculus, physics, and chemistry. I enjoyed the arts and was involved in art, band, and choir. Despite the time consuming practices for concerts, parades, musicals and exhibits, I was able to maintain a 3.97 grade point average, allowing me to graduate as salutatorian. I decided to stay near home and come to the University of Michigan-Flint because of the smaller class size, scholarship monies and the

I have received many scholarships providing me with \$1,700 per year for four years. I also received three scholarships from my graduating high school. The first was the Goodrich Alumni Scholarship totaling \$200. The second was the Goodrich Teachers Scholarship totaling \$500. The last was from the National Honor Society and totaled \$260. All of these awards



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### Sample Essay/Cover Letter 3

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am applying for the Ralph M. and Emmalyn E. Freeman Philosophy Scholarship.

writing. Despite being a full time student, balancing two majors, maintaining a 3.8 GPA, and working over 30 hours a week, I also take the initiative to enhance my education outside the classroom. I constantly strive for excellence and am committed to making my time as an undergraduate as productive and beneficial as possible.

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childhood, and when I finally reached high school, my craving was further whetted. I finished fifth grade in the United States before moving to Bethlehe  
years of my education. Consequently, I attended my first year of high school in an Arabic school. Although I did exceedingly well there, ranking seventh amongst my classmates, my family r