

Personal Statement

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I have always had a strong desire to understand the world surrounding us. Economics helps provide insight into the news, our changing society, and important trends such as globalization. It also allows for the creation of mathematical models, which aid in making important financial decisions. Studying economics can inform me about changes in the global financial markets and monetary policies of the world's countries. The catalyst for my interest was in 8th grade, when we studied geographical economics.

I attended the ELTE TOFK Primary School, which belongs to the Eotvos Lorand University. I am currently a student at Fazekas Mihaly Secondary School. My class focuses on mathematics; we have seven hours of Maths class a week. I also take optional extra lessons in history and physics.

I have participated in Hungarian national academic competitions. I was third in the Arany Daniel National Mathematics Competition, in the Loczy Lajos National Geography Contest I earned 17th place, and I was a national finalist in the Mikola Sandor Physics Contest. Preparation for these contests was very educational. I studied topics from mathematics and economics to physics and computer science. The geography contest was very informative for me. I read many books, which covered ideas from the basics of economics and explained the financial differences of the various regions of the globe. I understood how historical decisions still affect our lives today and why some parts of the world are industrialized and others are undeveloped. The current financial crisis showed me that it is crucial to constantly study the economy. Factors can influence the economy at any time and the entire society can be affected by the collapse of financial institutions.

Last year, I was able to participate in a research project at the Budapesti Mszaki Egyetem (Budapest Institute of Technology and Economics or BME), where I worked in the research group of Professor Ferenc Simon. The focus of the study was to determine the resistance of the nanotubes. This was one of my favourite experiences. I enjoyed learning about the research process. I hope to participate in another study this year. I participate in a project at BME where we do physics experiments. And I also attend math camps.

Last year, I organized an economics project at my school. We discussed many of the current economic problems with our teacher. Luckily, one of my classmate's father is the Vice-President of the Hungarian National Bank, so we were able to talk to him about monetary policy.

Outside of academia, I spend most of my time playing sports and exploring new topics in my hobby, computer science. I have an ECDL exam. I am also a great sports enthusiast and compete in many sports. I play football and run for the school teams, and I play American Football for the Budapest Titans, a 1st Division Hungarian team. I think sports are important to today's youth, so I participated in the Great Sport Selection event many times. I attended representing American Football and talked to children about opportunities for playing sports. I believe that the selected universities is the best place for me to continue my studies.

These universities are full of critical thinkers who are interested in solving the problems of the world. The Economics major is compelling to me because of the wealth of knowledge it promises to bestow upon me in the field of my passion.