From as early as I can remember, education has always played a fundamentally important role in my life. It enables me to build a strong academic foundation and it also offers me hope to do something meaningful in my life. During my high school years, I performed well and secured a place in one of the top universities in Russia. Furthermore, I had an enormous desire to graduate at the top of my class so that I could secure a stable job in the future. As a student, I would optimally utilize my time by finishing all the expected workload. It did not take long before all of my efforts paid off because I graduated with the highest honors, earning a Red Diploma in banking. However, my optimism was met by reality when I began to look for a job. All of my hard work felt useless and in vain when I was denied of an equal employment opportunity because of my Armenian origin. With this predicament, I opted to emigrate alone as an Armenian refugee to the U. S. so that I could again re-start my life. I did not allow the huge disappointment I suffered in my home country to deter me which is why I am now pursuing a degree in biology at Bergen Community College (BCC). Further, my aspiration is to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology from Saint Peter’s University followed by a Doctor of Dentistry Degree from Rutgers University.

The reason why I chose a medical career was due to the experiences I had in the past which eventually made me appreciate the field and its virtues. Having been born in the minority Armenian tribe in Russia, I went through several challenges as I was growing up. My disabled mother, who has been suffering from diabetes, depended on me to run the house and take care of my younger sisters. Additionally, my father is also disabled and he is suffering from a devastating disease called multiple sclerosis. This disease has taken a significant toll on my father’s overall well-being when he developed a mental illness as a result of him not being able to work and provide for his family. Living with disabled parents makes me strive harder to focus
more on improving my academic performance since it provides me with hope for this new life changing career that I want to pursue.

After all of my struggles, I consider myself extremely fortunate to be able to commence an academic career at BCC. My experience so far has been nothing short of impressive, as all of my professors have been professional, supportive and understanding. Furthermore, soon after emigrating to the U.S., I was introduced to the field of Dentistry. At the time, it was unknown to me how much of an impact it can make in my life, but I soon realized that this career would eventually offer me balance between virtues that I consider paramount in my life – family and community.

This passion started when I was still young. It has always been an honor to give back to the society and I give credit to my mother for this as she encouraged me to be regularly involved in community services by cooking and serving lunch at a local community center to volunteering at church. From that moment on, I promised to myself that once I become successful in my career, I will involve myself in disaster registries as well as disaster response organizations where I will be part of a volunteer team who offer their services to people faced with calamities. I consider it a golden opportunity for me to serve the deprived and needy members of the society as it will give more meaning to all the trials I have gone through. In fact, one of my most crucial career missions is to be able to provide affordable health services to the neglected indigent population in the U.S. Finally, I also want to support my parents by helping my younger sisters get a formal education in order to give them a brighter future.

The scholarship offered presents an opportunity for me to pursue my career objectives by covering for my tuition fees. This can greatly help me pursue an Associate’s Degree in Biology
that would assist me to pursue my academics and career ambitions. Thank you and I appreciate the time you took to appraise this essay. I look forward to hearing from you soon.