

My name is **James Zachary Myers**, and I have been a resident of Hollywood, Florida almost my entire life. I have had the great fortune of being able to engage myself in my local community by joining First Presbyterian Church, becoming a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 420, and attending all public schools located in the City since elementary. My time at Hollywood Hills Elementary, Attucks Middle School, and South Broward High School have taught me that diversity and community involvement are paramount to the success of a student and his or her peers. As a current student of South Broward, I have had the opportunity and privilege to serve as the Senior Class President, Chief Editor of the Yearbook, Secretary of Florida Future Educators of America, and Historian for National Honor Society. Similarly, I have been involved with the AICE/Cambridge program in order to expand and develop my perspectives on global topics and concerns that resonate with the people of our local community and country.

The accomplishment that I am most proud of is my Eagle Project that I completed through the Boy Scouts of America. Over the course of two years, starting in 2014, I organized, planned, fundraised, and implemented a \$14,000 project in Port-au-Prince Haiti to put four 300-watt solar panels on a faith-based community center. This task was daunting at times, but the final outcome was overwhelming for me, my family, and especially the children and families that utilize the community center on a daily basis. These panels have now been up and running since September of 2016. The project continues to enable kids to have an illuminated workspace for evening homework/study and power for a modest computer lab, as well as a viable place of refuge during natural disasters.

Because of my activities at South Broward High and in the Boy Scouts of America, and my desire to remain in close proximity to my home, I will be attending the University of Central Florida, starting in June of 2017. I have declared a double-major in Advertising & Public Relations and Political Science. The experiences of leadership that I have had locally and through international projects have inspired me to pursue public service and acquire skills of communication accordingly.

Being a citizen of the City of Hollywood has taught me that there is value to a municipality that aims to expand and grow. I have had the opportunity to get to know our current and former mayor, Josh Levy and Peter Bober, as well as our current Vice Mayor and District 3 Commissioner, Traci Callari. Engaging myself in the operations of my local government has allowed me to value the operations of and direct impact that city/county politics can have on a community.

Receiving the Hollywood Hills Civic Association scholarship would greatly assist me financially so that I might continue to be active in community service while pursuing my educational goals in higher education.

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