



**THE MICHAEL C. ROTHBERG SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
2019 APPLICATION**

*Please include your full name, address and phone number on each attached document.  
Adjust space to accommodate your information.*

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

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**PLEASE LIST:**

**1. YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Planning Board Class of 2019 Member  
Sharon Girls Ultimate Frisbee Captain  
Sharon Girls Varsity Field Hockey  
Humans of Sharon High School Photo Blog Founder  
Co-editor of Polylingua, Foreign Language National Honors Society  
Tech Studio Intern, Boston Museum of Science (Summers)  
Freelance Graphic Designer  
Actor in the Student Directed Plays through Sharon High School Theater

**Company**

Member of Tungurura Marimba Group  
Concert Band Alto Saxophone 1

**2. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

National Honors Society member (through which I have participated in and organized many fundraisers for non-profits such as Feeding America and American Heart Association)

Lead Volunteer at Shishu Bharati, a Sunday School of Indian Languages and Culture, where I manage 15 youth volunteers, organize textbook inventory, and mentor eighth graders in essay writing and presentation skills.

Volunteered and participated in many events for Volunteer Together for Service (VTSEVA), including the 5k Walk for Blind, Dance for Cure, and Bloom Event.

For over six years I have been volunteering for “Bighelp for education”, a non-profit organization that sponsors underprivileged students and schools in India, by making my own donations and participating in their fundraising events by dancing, proctoring math and spelling competitions, and supporting recycling efforts through the GreenHelp committee.

**3. EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

For the past 3 summers I have worked at the Tech Studio department of Boston’s Museum of Science, where I facilitate engineering and design challenges and computer science activities, interacting with nearly 400 visitors per day. I also conduct surveys on museum experience and prototype exhibits. I worked first as a volunteer, then two summers as an intern, and this upcoming summer I will have a staff position as a Program Assistant with Engineering and Design Challenges.

**4. ANY OTHER INTERESTS**

I love graphic design and have created the logos and flyers for many school clubs including Mock Trial, Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness, Operation Smile, Dance Marathon, Planning Board, and six school concerts. Additionally, I designed the onboarding screens and logo for a startup app Buzzhealth, an app dedicated to providing a social support network for young, in-hospital cancer patients. Since I love film production and writing, I am currently directing my own short film with the help of my friends, called “SENIORS.” I also enjoy teaching myself how to play new musical instruments like the piano and the guitar.

**5. WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING IN COLLEGE? HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ANY SPECIFIC CAREER GOALS YET?**

After graduation, I intend to pursue a Bachelors of Science at a Tufts university, where I will study computer science and digital media or film. Passionate about graphic design, creative writing, and film production, I find myself rooted in the intersection between arts and technology. On campus, I hope to get involved with the school newspaper, student activities planning boards, and ultimate frisbee. Looking further into the future, I plan on attending a graduate school and possibly working towards an MBA in advertising or marketing, which I believe would benefit from my foundation in technical fields. I would

also enjoy working in entertainment, such as at animation studios like Pixar or DreamWorks, or in television.

**6. LIST THE COLLEGES YOU HAVE APPLIED TO AND THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATIONS.**

Tufts University (Accepted and Committed)  
University of Massachusetts Amherst Commonwealth Honors College (Accepted)  
University of Maryland Honors College (Accepted)  
University of Connecticut Honors College (Accepted)  
Brandeis University (Accepted: Justice Brandeis Scholar)  
University of Pittsburgh (Accepted)  
George Washington University Honors (Accepted)  
Northeastern University (Accepted)  
Boston University (Accepted)  
Dartmouth College (Rejected)  
University of Virginia (Rejected)  
Vanderbilt University (Rejected)  
University of California Berkeley (Rejected)  
Duke University (Rejected)

**7. WHICH COLLEGE IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE? WHY?**

Tufts University is my first choice and the college that I will be attending to study Computer Science and Film/Media Studies. In order to answer “Why,” I have attached my response to the “Why Tufts?” supplement:

I love hard-boiled eggs filled with maple syrup. That might sound strange but the combination of two, unlike things—the solid foundation of egg and the sticky sweetness of syrup—collaborate in my taste buds. Similarly, Tufts embodies interdisciplinary, and every bite leaves me wanting more.

Here, a major in Computer Science complements a passion for film studies. Classrooms are equally filled with sweatpants (me) and fall fashion: celebrating diversity even in clothing choice. Students are teachers, and ExCollege conversations about *The Bachelor* go beyond “she’s so not getting a rose.”

Tufts challenges and inspires, where cracking boundaries incubates creative risk-taking. I can easily envision myself crafting animation short films at the SMFA studio, and then interviewing President Monaco on his go-to sledding style for the *Tufts Daily* (mine is belly down). The Tufts B.E.A.T.S. group strikes a chord, or should I say bucket, with me: only here could students create music through literal trash. This is Tufts: bold, quirky, and absolutely memorable.

Most of all, Tufts’ spirit resounds in the people. Jumbos ooze genuine kindness and passionate curiosity. I never expected one train ride spent chatting with a first-year Jumbo about coding and dogs to turn strangers into friends. Or to laugh out loud at admissions officers' blogs and fall in love with the witty prose of The Jumbo Talkers.

Tufts is my maple egg: a perfect medley of protein, good for the mind, and sugar, good for the heart. And most importantly, filled with love.

**8. REQUIRED ESSAY** (approximately 250 words):

Describe your personal goals, challenges or commitments and how you will draw on what you've learned about Michael Rothberg's legacy to inspire your own.

Please submit your essay with your name clearly marked as a separate file attached to your completed application form.