

It is often said that you know you truly love somebody when you do not really know why you love him/her. I personally agree with this idea. Pure affection does not need reasons. However, if I say that I am naturally drawn to Hamilton, it only looks as if I am trying to evade this “Why Hamilton” essay.

The reasons I am applying to Hamilton is simple to the point of being silly. It is the feel of the website, the repeated, charismatic “Uniquely Hamilton”, of the stunning photos of the campus...that I am drawn more and more to Hamilton. Or maybe it is the way Hamilton welcomes international students so warmly it waives the expository prose if the applicant's school does not require assignment in English, and provides international financial aids. A school this enthusiastic about foreign applicants is undoubtedly a place where difference is appreciated and where students can learn a lot from the culturally diverse student body.

Or maybe it is what Ms. Thao Nguyen, Class of 2008, tells me that binds my interest with Hamilton forever. When I asked her what she likes most about Hamilton, she told me that she could sit with her legs folded on the chair to talk to the professors anytime after class. I like folding legs, and I love to be on friendly terms with the professors. My History teacher and I often stayed on after class to talk about new history books; my 11<sup>th</sup> grade Physics professor agreed to tutor me during year 12 although he is a busy assistant professor; and I still exchange emails with my 11<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher even though she no longer has class at our school. They have taught me endless knowledge that they did not have time to teach in class. They are not only my teachers but also my friends, respectable friends whose qualities and personalities I have learned a lot from.

How ironic-I end up writing too many reasons. Please believe that it does not mean a less intense predilection. I knew about Hamilton too late to request an interview. I did not call or email the office because I have diligently read all the information on the website and in the catalog. I do not apply ED owing to my uncertainty about financial aid. I only have this essay to convey my sincere interest and an awkward imitation of a Bee Gees song: “It’s only words, and words are all I have to take your heart away...”