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Admission Essay

As I belong to two different cultures, I found the hardest part of being a teenager is to adjust myself to two different, sometimes conflicting, cultures. Teenage period is a crucial time for personal development, but I cannot explore this regime perfectly because I remain busy in balancing my personal and social life with two different cultures. It is not easy for me to deal with the high peer pressure from the surroundings, while I am undergoing a rapid physical and emotional change because of adolescence. I often lose my temper, judgment, patience, and motivation to move forward because of the pressure from my parents, teachers, classmates, friends, and elderly people, which makes it difficult for me to pursue my dreams or remain on the path of fulfilling my passion. I can see the difference between being a child and a teenager; a child can move on his own accord whereas a teenager gets constant pressure from fellow people that creates psychological tension. I often find myself busy in fulfilling other's demand and expectations rather than preserving my esteem and interest.

As an Asian-American, I am obliged to learn both cultures and maintain them in different situations. It becomes harder especially when these two cultures conflict each other in many respects. For example, respecting elders have two different dimensions as far as two cultures are considered. In American culture, we are not considered to be arrogant to elders as far as we remain polite and avoid being obstinate. On the other hand,

respecting elders in Asian culture means standing up to salute them, not raising voices in front of them and pay heed to their pieces of advice. Since I belong to both cultures, I need to practice and exercise both of them simultaneously for satisfying alliance from both natives.

However, being a teenager is not all about taking pressure and tension, it might be a great fun if a person can find it. For me, the best part of being a teenager from two different cultures is that I can enjoy cultural diversity and make many friends from two different cultures. This age is a good for learning and adopting new things. Being a member of two different cultural backgrounds, I can learn and adopt many things, which in turn increase the happiness and enjoyment in life. I love to take challenges, and I can find it easier for me because I am not overburdened with responsibility. I can spend time pursuing my dream and try different things.

I would like to give following advice to my younger sibling or a friend:

To start the journey of fulfilling life goal and dream, teenage is the best period. Only remaining focus on the track and avoiding misleading peer pressure can help you reach your goal. You will begin realizing the mechanisms of the world and understand its principles from your teenage if you pay attention. This time promises you a lot at the cost of nothing. You are free to go anywhere and start a new journey. Fixing the aim in life and developing skills are two most essential tasks that you must fix. Teenage life decisions and performance are reflected in later life successes and failures. A wrong decision and poor performance during teenage period can make a person suffer rest of the life. Being an Asian immigrant to America, I would personally like to advise to prepare for remaining culturally competent. It is important not to lose the cultural identity while

developing cultural competency in the new place. Both cultures are important to acquire and cherish.