**ALL APPLICANTS: As Georgetown is a diverse community, the Admissions Committee would like to know more about you in your own words. Please submit a brief essay, either personal or creative, which you feel best describes you. If you are transferring from a four-year institution, please include your reasons for transferring.**

To describe myself as a person I have to go further than list my merits and accomplishments. Growing up in a multicultural environment with a strong influence from various cultures has made me become a more open-minded person. As a young adult, learning from and experiencing various circumstances has shaped my attitude and intellectual vitality. For nineteen years, I lived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras surrounded by a lot of commerce, industries, and numerous people from all around the country providing a vast amount of cultural backgrounds to the city. Besides interacting with a diverse population, I also come from a very strong Christian Middle Eastern background because my father’s side of the family originates from Beit Jala, a Palestinian Christian town of the West Bank. This background has shaped who I am today. Now, I find myself facing a different society here in the United States.

Studying abroad has given me the opportunity to adapt to the American culture. Daily, I find myself wanting to discover and learn new aspects that will allow me grow as a person. The state of Georgia has been my home for the past year and a half, and while residing here, I have had the opportunity to travel to various places around the United States, but after my visit to Washington D.C. during the summer of 2012, I felt a very strong connection to the city. The intense cultural experience impacted me greatly. The high quality of education and culture reflects the vast amount of history, opportunity, and the unique learning environment present in Washington D.C.

 Being a part of a recognized Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, has stimulated my interest in continuing my academic excellence. With this being said, my scholastic aptitude will enhance the high quality of education already present at Georgetown University. My willingness to take advantage of opportunities, even if I have to volunteer, gives me the chance to develop my leadership and service abilities. For example, while volunteering as a Spanish Tutor in the Foreign Language Lab of my university, I interacted with people from various cultures permitting me feel I was learning several different cultures at once since various languages were being spoken and studied throughout the room. Verbally communicating with a wide range of learning levels became a skill I can easily manage. When I tutored, I had to adjust my explanations and tutoring strategies to the student’s level of understanding.

 Coming to the United States to pursue a University degree has broaden my horizon and has given me the opportunity to experience an entirely different world. The University of North Georgia has provided me with an initial understanding of American culture, but lacks the true diversity that I will need to be exposed to in order to be successful in a global market. Transferring to Georgetown University will allow me the opportunity to work with diverse populations, which will prepare me for the work force.