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Dear Dr. Viscido:

I am applying for Summer Medical Dental Education Program (SMDPE) to be competitive for admission in graduate education programs leading to dentistry. I am interested in this program because I have always had a passion for dentistry. I have always been passionate for learning more about the biomedical and bio-behavioral sciences since the Middle School years. Specifically, I could remember how nervous I was for my dental appointment for braces and at the same time curious about dental profession. Following the procedure for dental braces, a process that I did not exactly feel comfortable but very rewarding, giving that the outcome restored my self-confidence.

Furthermore, following the procedure for dental braces, a process that I did not exactly feel comfortable but very rewarding, giving that the outcome restored my self-confidence. I began to develop an interest in the field with the hope to make a difference in someone’s life through this STEM profession. During high school, I enjoyed the hands-on activities in labs, and have dissected many organisms, including a frog, cow’s eye, sheep’s heart, examined blood vessels and heart chambers, all of which increased my curiosity for basic sciences. These experiences increased my curiosity because I enjoy the thrill of discovering new things.

I am hoping that this program will be a good experience in preparing me for dental school as well as a pursuing a career in dentistry.

Sincerely,

Asia Hoke