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Dear Mr. Pona:

I am extremely excited to job shadow with the *Winnipeg Free Press*. I am considering a career in journalism/broadcasting and hope to use this experience as a opportunity to explore this field.

My communication skills have drastically improved in the last year. I have received a certificate with the Toastmasters organization which enhanced my public speaking skills considerably. I am no longer nervous when speaking in front of an audience. My public speaking training came in handy when I became our school’s public address announcer for the 2012 MHSAA “AAA” Provincial Basketball Championships. To hone my writing skills, I work hard in my English 40S classes at River Wood High, write in a variety of forms – editorials, magazine articles, newspaper texts, personal land literary essays – and maintain a 70% average. I was fortunate to be an official blogger for the 2009 Master Playwright Festival where I attended many plays by Arthur Miller and blogged about them on the Manitoba Theatre Centre Website. I am assesmbling a portfolio to Red River College’s Creative Communications Program for 2012-13 and hope to become a full time student at the College next Fall.

I have been involved in a great variety of teamwork activities during the past few years. Playing sports has been a huge part of my life. I played hockey and baseball out of Winakwa Community Club for 10 years and played on the curling team for Windsor Park Collegiate. Most recently, I attended the 2012 *Tiger’s Den Competition* (similar to the *Dragon’s Den* CBC program) which teamed up students from Windsor Park Collegiate and River East Collegiate to create business ideas over a five-hour time frame. Our team, judged by entrepreneurs from the Winnipeg community, finished in second place.

Thank you for taking the busy time out of your schedule to allow me to visit your company for a day. I have been anticipating this day for some time and I am hoping to have a very cool experience. Please contact me at 204-444-5555 or at edschmegley@hotmail.com to confirm job shadow details.

Yours truly,

Ed Schmegley

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Enclosure: résumé