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My four years in the programme have been eventful. BRATs played a major role in influencing my decision to take a Bachelor's course in English Language and Linguistics now. It solidified my love for the language by giving me the kind of exposure that I could never have gained elsewhere.

**Gan Xiao Tian, 19** 



During my two years with BRATs, I've learned that writing good stories is a combination of honing one's intuition and curiosity, and being driven to tell another person's story. BRATs has provided me with an amazing platform to seek these stories out and help other people discover them, as well.

Wong Sook Wei, 22

Being a BRATs participant has allowed me to expand my social circle to include teenagers from all across Malaysia. It has also broadened my perspectives, as well as allowed me to polish my soft skills and expand my writing repertoire. There is still much room for me to learn and grow. In time, I hope to be a successful journalist.



NurFatihah Irdina Adlan, 18



There are many perks of being a BRATs participant but I will say the best are being able to let my creative juices flow and meeting new people who share my passion for writing. I'm proud to call myself a BRATs member.

Reshmi Kennedy, 17

**ABOUT WRITING?** IF YOU'RE A SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT, THIS IS FOR YOU!

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Journalism and photography workshops.
- Writers' meetup sessions.
- Event coverage and interview assignments throughout the year.





- written work published in the BRATs section of The Star's Newspaper-in-Education (NiE) pullout.
- Graduating as a young journalist certified by The Star.
- Earning a coveted one-month internship with The Star.

## **TO APPLY**

- Title your e-mail "I'm a **BRATs Young Journalist!**" and send it to brats@thestar.com.my by Nov 30 with a 500-word self-description and a snazzy photograph that best reflects your life. Language skills and creativity will be evaluated.
- Put your entry in your e-mail body with your full name, age, school name, MyKad number, home address and mobile number.
- Applicants must be aged between 14 (Form Two) and 19 (Upper Six) in 2020.