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To Whom it May Concern;

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for awarding me the Elaine Atwood Scholarship. I appreciate the scholarship and the educational opportunity it has afforded me. I have been able to sign up for five classes this semester which has really helped me to advance my credits for my degree. My job ended this last Christmas and the scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to be a full time student and put off finding another job until the semester is over, so that I can focus fully on my current career as a student.

I have been able to arrange my schedule so that I can be home with my children when they get home from school. Both of my sons are in elementary school and are good students themselves. Their father and I are in the middle of our divorce; therefore I am so grateful to be able to spend so much time with them in the evenings after they are released from school. I would not be able to be there for them without the financial support of the scholarship. My ability to be so available to them has taken a load off of my mind and allowed me to give my school work the attention it deserves.

The scholarship I received from you is the only reason I was able to take a full schedule of classes this semester. It contributed greatly to my ability to remain in Alaska this semester. I was strongly considering moving in with my parents in Texas to finish school, but thanks to your scholarship I was able to keep my children and myself here.

Alaska is our home and I am looking forward to the time when I have a degree and can give back to the Alaskan community. It is my hope that I can continue to find the financial help that will allow us to remain here throughout the completion of my Bachelors Degree.

I thank you again for your generous scholarship.

Sincerely,



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