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January 12, 2012

Dr. Jane Doe
123 Reville Ave.
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Dear Dr. Doe,

My name is [REDACTED]; I am a senior studying Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University. I am this year's recipients of the [REDACTED] Scholarship and I am honored to receive this award. For this reason I wanted to express my gratitude for your support of this award and, in turn, my education.

To tell you a little about myself, I grew up in [REDACTED]. I was involved in several activities in high school including [REDACTED]. Since coming to Texas A&M I have enjoyed being involved in [REDACTED] including a leadership role in [REDACTED]. I am pleased to be pursuing a degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences. Experiences I have had through [REDACTED] and through my college classes make me look forward to working in the area of [REDACTED] someday.

It is reassuring that you stand behind students such as me by offering this scholarship. The passion for this field is something that runs deep in people who have spent time [REDACTED] (examples: travelling, working with youth, outdoors, planning events) and it provides a guiding force as we look to the future. I am grateful that you support this passion through your scholarship. It will be a tremendous help as I work toward graduation and my first professional position.

Thank you again for your support of the young people in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences and for your investment in me. Feel free to contact me at any time at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if you would like to know more about me.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith
Senior
Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences
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May 11, 2012

Dr. Jane Doe
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Dear Dr. Doe,

Thank you for your generous contribution to the University in the form of the [REDACTED] Scholarship! I was recently awarded the scholarship for the coming academic year, and I feel incredibly grateful and honored. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know how your generosity will be put to use in my future.

I grew up with my two older brothers on my family's farm in [REDACTED]. My parents encouraged us to be involved in everything we could, so my childhood and high school years were extremely busy and formative for me. I had always wanted to attend [REDACTED], but struggled to choose a major. After spending three summers working at a Christian day camp for underprivileged kids in my community, I decided I wanted to work with youth and their parents in some capacity. Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences seemed like a perfect fit for me, and it has met that expectations. I have just completed my junior year at the University, and I will be graduating early next semester. My involvement as an undergrad research assistant on the make It Project, a study on divorcing mothers experiencing intimate partner violence, has opened my eyes to the benefits of a master's degree. I plan to apply to the dual degree program in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] to continue my education. Through several short term mission trips I have been on, my passion for cross-cultural work has continued to grow, and I am very excited to pursue that interest. In the future, I would love to work and research internationally, specifically in marriage therapy.

During my time at the [REDACTED], I have been involved in my church, served as the treasurer for [REDACTED], participated in intramural sports, served a local home school co-op as their daycare coordinator, and waitressed part-time. Your scholarship will lighten my financial burden as I move towards furthering my education in graduate school. Thank you for your support, and for your example as a professional woman in our field. I hope to follow your examples and continue furthering research that will benefit families in the future.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear Dr. Doe,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am the [REDACTED] Scholarship recipient. I want to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation for making this scholarship possible. I will be a senior this coming year, and it is scholarships such as this one that have made it possible for me to attend [REDACTED] for the past three years. My family moved to [REDACTED] when I was young, but I always wanted to go to [REDACTED] where my Mom, grandparents, and numerous aunts, uncles, and other relatives have attended. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you that make these scholarships possible, I have been able to attend the university that I always dreamed of going to and that I enjoy so much. This university has provided me with so many opportunities and chances to learn, which I am so thankful for.

As I mentioned, I will be a senior this year and plan to graduate in May with my degree in [REDACTED], with a concentration in [REDACTED]. In the spring semester I will complete my [REDACTED] and begin applying to [REDACTED] Internship programs. I am hoping to be able to do my [REDACTED] Internship the summer following graduation and then begin looking for a job. I am excited for this year and the hands-on experience I will get to have in the [REDACTED] field. This summer I have been volunteering with one of the [REDACTED] Specialists at [REDACTED], and I will get to continue this in the fall. It is a rewarding experience to be a part of these children's lives and help them through their stays in the hospital, and I look forward to learning more about the [REDACTED] profession first hand this year.

On campus I am also involved in many different organizations. I am a member of [REDACTED], through which I have had the chance to take interesting courses and attend lectures and presentations. I am also a member of [REDACTED], where I have had the chance to serve on the leadership council, a member of the [REDACTED], through which I have volunteered in a mentorship program for 8th graders, and a member of [REDACTED], where I have served on the leadership team for 2 years and helped develop new programs. I have also worked at the child development lab on campus since freshmen year.

Thank you so much again for making this scholarship possible. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Aggie Smith