

Dear *(donor's name)*,

Thank you for your generous award to me of *(amount and name of the scholarship)* from your scholarship program. Your support is helping me reach my goal of graduating in *(term and year you plan to graduate)* with a bachelor's degree in *(name your field of study)*.

My family moved to Tennessee from Ukraine fifteen years ago. As an immigrant, I cherish the opportunities that living in this country offers to me. After graduating from high school, I decided to study international relations with a focus on economic development issues. This semester I am also gaining valuable experience through an unpaid internship at the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration. Because academic success is important to me, I have worked hard to graduate from Tennessee Tech summa cum laude.

For the majority of my time in school I have worked full time to support myself, while contributing to the support of three siblings. Your scholarship allowed me to reduce my work schedule to 20 hours a week in order to maintain my grades and accept the internship last semester.

Again, thank you for your award. I hope one day to help others, as you have helped me when I needed your financial support.

With gratitude,

*(your first and last name)*