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To whom it may concern:

Hello, my name is Dennis Schneider and I am a current recipient of the Fostering Futures Scholarship. I am an alumnus of the foster care system in the state of Michigan. I entered into the foster care system when I was in the fifth grade. I have made tremendous academic progress from when I entered into the foster care system. I was able to complete high school with several honors and was selected to attend multiple university programs. Though I was approved to study at several universities, I left high school unsure if I would be able to attend a university. Unlike several of my current peers, I do not come from an affluent family that has the means to provide for my education. I am not implying that every student at university has it easy when it comes to finances because of their parents; though, most students have parents who are able to help them in some shape or form. Personally, I do not have biological parents that are able or willing to support me. I have had to work persistently to ensure a bright future for myself. Though I am grateful to have learned perseverance to overcome adversity, I could not have overcome a lot on my own.

I am fortunate to have several resources to help me succeed including: mentors, extended family, and incredible scholarship programs such as Fostering Futures. When graduating high school, I was fortunate to find several scholarship programs that enable me to attend university. Finding scholarships such as Fostering Futures have helped change my life for the better. I once thought that I would only ever be able to work low-wage jobs to make enough money to eat, and that I would never reach my full potential. Studying at a university has helped me drastically change my outlook on the personal potential that I possess. I am now in my final semester of university. I expect to graduate with a major in Industrial and Entrepreneurial along with a minor in International business skills. I have been fortunate to work with several large companies and organizations in many rolls. I have also been able to study in Asia and Europe. I look forward to graduating knowing that I can work for many companies in respected rolls, or even possibly owning a company one day. In today's day and age, it is very important to ensure that future generations are able to positively contribute to society. I am excited to positively impact society in any way possible. Without the help of several scholarship programs, I may have not been able to say that today. Simply stated, the Fostering Futures Scholarship is a very important resource for young adults with great potential and the scholarship should be guaranteed for future generations.

Thank you very much for your time. I hope that my words have been able to give you a glimpse of how much of an impact the Fostering Futures Scholarship can make on an individual. I also hope that you strongly consider ensuring that the scholarship will be available for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Schneider