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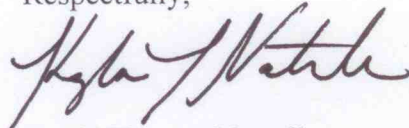
Dear Traci,

I want to convey my gratitude for the scholarship you have awarded me. I have received the check in the mail and its arrival relieved a lot of pressure and burden in my home. As the financial strain in my house brings with it a lot of stress, I cannot begin to express how much it means to me to see my dad's face brighten as his burden is even a little lightened. I cannot thank you enough for this great boon.

As promised in my application, I am attaching my 2010-2011 Financial Aid award offer and my updated 2011-2012 Financial Aid award offer from Binghamton University. As my parents had not yet filed taxes, thus rendering me unable to file my FAFSA, I could not send you my most recent information. As you can see, the offer is significantly less than last year. I was awarded \$1750 less per semester for Federal Pell Grant and \$727 less per semester for my NYS Tap Grant. I contacted Binghamton's Financial Aid Department in regards to the Academic Competitive Grant that I received last year and was informed that it has been discontinued as Binghamton is no longer allocating money to that fund. Overall, my total award decreased \$6242. Especially now that my family is in a much more difficult financial situation, the scholarship your foundation has awarded me is a blessing.

When I applied for the CEM scholarship initially, I was under the impression that it is a full scholarship. I would be really grateful to know anything I can do in the future to become eligible for the full scholarship that your foundation offers, especially now that I am in such a difficult situation. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kayla Theresa Natrella'.

Kayla Theresa Natrella