Dear [Donor Name or Organization Name],

I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution to Miami University’s scholarship program.

I am an out-of-state student who is constantly struggling to find new ways to pay for school. I also spent all of last year searching for a career path, finally settling on Family Studies at the end of my second semester. Over the course of the summer, I started second-guessing that choice because I feared I would not be able to pay off my debts if I went into a family studies profession.

When I received the [NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP] in the mail, I literally sat in silence a good 20 minutes. I couldn’t believe it. I thought it was a mistake. I refrained from telling my family until I could contact the Financial Aid Office and double check. When I finally let myself believe it was true, I was overcome with happiness. I felt as if it was a sign from the universe telling me that I was finally headed in the right direction, that I would make it through. My family also felt a weight lifted off their shoulders, and they no longer had to worry about how they would pay for my schooling this year.

All in all, your act of kindness made an incredible difference in my life as well as my family’s. I am now taking my first semester of family studies course and loving every minute.

So thank you again for your donation, and please, do not down play the difference you have made. It means more than I can say.

Thank you again for so generously supporting Miami students.

Sincerely,

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