Dear Mr. and Mrs. XXXXXXX,

As a recipient of the XXXXXX Scholarship, I am writing to express my intense gratitude. Your gift has made available to me, funds which are an absolute necessity in continuing my college education. In this, my junior year of college, I have begun to look beyond curriculum at a career path, so that I might better prepare for life after the Bachelor's Degree. My fondest hope is that I might matriculate to Columbia University to begin work on a Doctorate in English, specifically in Marxist and Post-Structuralist Literary Theory. Your gift enables me to do this by paying my university tuition so that I need not work while in school, and in that way can spend considerable time on my studies as well as preparing graduate school applications and researching/visiting possible programs. In my time outside of the classroom I have a passion for synchronized swimming and am an integral part of the University's Dolphin Club.

Thank You,

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