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Dear Mr. Avera and other distinguished members of the SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter #33,

I wanted to take a moment, once again, to express my deepest thanks and gratitude for your monetary support in my future last year. As a scholarship recipient, I feel it is my responsibility to let you know how important your community support is. More specifically, how your organization has affected my life.

As you know, I am currently attending Brazosport College. I am still working on my Bachelors in Applied Technology specializing in Business Management. My experience thus far has been very rewarding. I have been lucky enough to obtain a position at the college as a student worker in the science building. The ladies in the office take very good care of me, making sure I have the best teachers and take the right classes. Grades haven't been an issue yet. Even though I made the Dean's list for the fall semester, I have discovered my love for science does not extend to microbiology. That particular A required some effort on my part. It was well worth it, as I received an invitation to join the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity. I haven't decided yet if the expense of membership is worth the reward. However, I have made the decision to pursue honors courses this next fall.

I was very excited to see that there was another Knight Essay Scholarship recipient this year. When I read that she entered the contest after seeing it in the paper, I couldn't help but feel that I had some responsibility in that. I hope my choices in life inspire others to always try hard and never be afraid to be the only one. If it's something you believe in, it has to be worth it.

My success is largely due to your support. The scholarships you provide along with the wealth of history you give to the community is so important. Aside from helping high school graduates like me with educational expenses, your organization provides people with a sense of belonging. As a descendant of an American patriot, I now realize how deeply rooted I am in this country. My ancestors fought and died so I could have the choices and chances I have today. My life is my own because of them and you remind people of that. You are my motivation. Thank you so much for everything you do for me and the community. I can only try to be deserving of it.

With warmest regards,

Mason Durham