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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hall,

My name is Andrew Ollerton and I am writing in response to being selected for the H. Tracy Hall scholarship for the 2002-2003 academic year. Thank you for helping me continue my education in biochemistry. I am a Honduran-American from Provo, Ut. My parents taught me the importance of getting an education. My mother moved from Tegucigalpa, Honduras to New York when she was 18 to earn money to go to college. She was converted to the church in New York and ended up coming to BYU. She met my father here at BYU and made their home here in Provo. I started BYU in 1998. I did my general education credits for 2 semesters while trying to figure out in what field of study I could be of the most benefit to others. I served a mission in St. Petersburg, Russia and returned to school for winter semester 2001. It was then that I decided to major in biochemistry and Russian. The reason that I chose biochemistry was because it was interesting and I realized that a lot of problems, such as diseases and other disorders could possibly be cured through this knowledge. I'm volunteering in Dr. Noel Owen's lab where we are exploring the anti-fungal, bacterial and anti-carcinogenic properties of endophytic chemicals. This experience is helping me get closer to my goal of disease research. I've looked at cancer research and I think I would like to find a cure for cancer. I believe that if we do all we can the Lord will give us the knowledge that will be most beneficial to mankind. If that means the cure for cancer and other diseases that would be great, but even if it doesn't mean this it's still our part to put in the effort and trust the Lord and be thankful for what he gives us.

Thank you again for supporting me in my education. I'll do the best with all the opportunities that are being given to me.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ollerton