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Dear Professor Hall,

My name is Brent Siemssen. I was recently awarded the H. Tracy Hall scholarship in your honor. I am writing to thank you for setting up this scholarship and to tell you about myself and how this scholarship is helpful to me at this time.

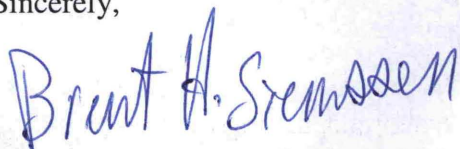
I am in my last year here at BYU as a chemistry major. My emphasis is in organic chemistry. In fact, I am in Steve Fleming's research group. I have developed my own photochemistry project and am working on it independently. My interests vary from materials to medicine. Currently, I am applying to traditional graduate programs in chemistry as well as some non-traditional polymer science programs.

My wife, Lindsey, and I are both attending school and we will walk together at graduation in April. We are high-school sweethearts, and she is majoring in elementary education. We have both worked part-time as we attend school and have financed much of our schooling with student loans. This scholarship will free us of some of that debt load when we graduate. It also allows us to afford some much needed car repair work at this time. We appreciate the scholarship very much.

I must admit that I regard you as somewhat of a celebrity for your work in developing man-made diamonds. I have seen the NOVA show on diamonds that explains DeBeer's role in the market and the progress in developing man-made diamond. While at home on vacation, I watched a documentary on diamond mining with my family. When the show started talking about man-made diamonds, I was excited to tell them, "Hey, that's the guy whose scholarship I got!"

Thank you again for setting up this scholarship fund. I am going to have a very packed senior year and this scholarship money will be very helpful to my family.

Sincerely,



Brent Siemssen