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Dear Dr. Hall,

As a recipient of the H. Tracy Hall scholarship I am writing to thank you for your support of my education and tell you a little about myself. I am a junior with a Biochemistry and Russian double major. I served a mission in St. Petersburg, Russia from September '98 to October 2000. I am involved in research with Dr. Noel Owen of the Chemistry/Biochemistry department. Currently, I am trying to isolate novel bioactive compounds produced by endophytic microbes found in a sample of plants from Papua New Guinea. This research is very interesting to me and I am confident that this experience will benefit me in graduate school. I am interested in studying gene therapy or doing disease research in graduate school.

I am very thankful for the opportunities I am receiving here at BYU. My parents have taught me the importance of an education. My mother moved from her family and friends in Honduras when she was eighteen in order to come to America and get an education. She worked odd jobs in New York to save money for school. She met the missionaries and was baptized in New York and then came to school at BYU. After becoming a member of the church she shared the gospel with her family in Honduras and consequently, her parents and brothers and sisters were all baptized. She met my father and raised our family here in Provo. The blessing of the gospel and the opportunity to study at BYU is a unique opportunity and a tremendous blessing. I will continue to take full advantage of the opportunities given to me to become a better servant of the Lord.

Thank you, for your generous support of my educational goals. Because of your support I am able to gain an excellent education here at BYU and will be of a greater benefit to mankind.

Sincerely,



Andrew Ollerton