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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hall,

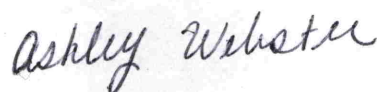
My name is Ashley Webster and I recently receive a letter informing me that was a recipient of the H. Tracy Hall Scholarship. As you might expect I was overjoyed to hear the news, but I must admit I was very surprised at the same time because I don't ever remember applying for this scholarship. In fact I still don't know how in fact I was chosen to receive it, but that doesn't dampen my enthusiasm nonetheless.

I am going into my junior year majoring in Chemistry Education. I always knew I wanted to work in the sciences and so in the past few years I've debated with myself between the choices of pre-med, research chemistry, and food sciences. However I came to the decision in my sophomore year that what I really wanted to do was share my excitement for chemistry with others, mainly high school-age students. I wanted to go into this field because my high school chemistry teacher, Mrs. Temme, was such an example to me and her passion was contagious. I hope I can be that type of teacher to my students. My current job as a Peer Mentor in Freshman Academy has given me a taste of what my future will entail because I get the opportunity to help freshmen in their chemistry classes.

To give you a little background about my life, I am twenty years old and grew up in Connecticut with my parents and three sisters. I love going for non-strenuous hikes, doing jigsaw puzzles, playing the cello, and most especially- reading. This past spring I was able to attend BYU-Hawaii and had the best time there. I learned so much about the island culture and had fun doing it at the same time; it honestly changed my life. Although I miss Hawaii incredibly, I'm getting excited to return to school in Provo too, a place that is really beginning to feel like home for me after two years.

Once again, thank you so much for your generosity that has made this scholarship possible for me and other students in the past and future.

Sincerely,



Ashley Webster