**THANK YOU LETTER**

Dear Donor(s)

It is a great honor to receive your generous Barry and Renee Brandeis Scholarship that will help fund the expenses of my education at Penn State. I am most grateful for your belief and support, and I would like to thank you for choosing me.

I am a Junior studying Elementary and Early Childhood Education with a minor in Writing. My love for teaching and the liberal arts has molded me into an individual who would adore a career as a preschool teacher while writing sci-fi novels at night. Although my academic journey as a first-generation college student has not been an easy one, I am proud to admit that my perseverance has led me to pursue many opportunities offered at Penn State.

For the past year, I have been completing ACURA research, and studying the effects of different teaching methods on young children. Although my research is still ongoing, I am excited to see where it will take me. During this fall semester, I will also be completing a writing internship; I am thrilled to have the opportunity to publish work before I graduate.

At the same time, I am taking a class that will certify me as a writing tutor, and in the springtime, I look forward to working in the Learning Center at Penn State Abington. At my elementary school, I will be volunteering as a classroom aid.

Receiving this scholarship will allow me to continue chasing my dreams. Thank you again for your generous and thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,

John Smith