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Dear Ms. Dubique,

Thank you so much for finding me worthy of this scholarship. To be perfectly honest, I'm the type of person who gives my all to others. I rarely hesitate to lend a helping hand, money, food, a gift, a listening ear, or my time to others. I'm honored that people trust me enough to come to me for help, and I serve them to the best of my ability. Unfortunately, being a person who likes to help others comes with cons and misjudgment. I've been called a people pleaser because of my kindness or just been taking advantage because I'm "too nice." However, my desire to give does not stem from seeking the approval of others. It comes from deep-rooted concern for the wellbeing of others and is an expression of my love for others (even those I don't know). It does not matter how often my kindness is taken for weakness; I still choose love and to give. Although I never give, expecting anything in return, I can't help but reflect on how the same generosity I give to others is rarely given to me. I know I'm loved. However, I've never received basic stuff like friendly gestures on my birthday or recognition for accomplishments like obtaining my degrees. Usually, if I want something nice done for me, I have to do it myself. Please do not misconstrue what I'm telling you. I'm not complaining, nor am I ungrateful for the things that have been done for me. I'm trying to set the tone. So that there is an understanding of how much I value your gift.

I've lived a life where people are more likely to mistreat me than treat me kindly, yet I forgive and choose to be there for others, even the same people who have inflicted hurt upon me. Therefore, the smallest act of kindness means the world to me. I write this message from the sincerest place in my heart with eyes full of tears. THANK YOU! I'm a single mother with little income. I often put my son's happiness before mine on a daily. I give, and I give to him, constantly wishing someone would give to me to spark some joy or help make my load lighter. With your gift, you have done so, again I say thank you.

I'm currently facing one of the most challenging times in my life, with obstacle after obstacle, trial after trial. My faith in God is what gets me by. Thank you for letting him use you to bless me. Though I'm going through difficult seasons in my life, I find comfort knowing that I must be exceptional in God's eyes to be under so much attack from the enemy. For whatever reason, the enemy DOES NOT want me to get this degree. I've even had people recommend that I give up, and I've considered it. However, it's acts of generosity like yours that motivate me to keep pushing in this journey. The grace of my instructors and the staff at Regent encourages me to keep trying. Thank you so much for seeing something special in me and providing me with this scholarship. Your charity will not go in vain. Your act of kindness will be remembered. I will keep pushing and striving for success, and when the day comes, I will bless a student as you have blessed me. I appreciate you. God bless you. Your help means more to me than words can



explain. Thank you!

I began my journey at Regent in 2017 to obtain my master's degree. At the time, I needed some positive influences in my life and wanted to surround myself with faith-based individuals. I didn't have too many Godly people around me, so I realized I had to put myself out there to find some. Attending Regent exposed me to that plus more. I enjoyed the positive culture and how the people around me were genuinely lovely. Having my instructors pray for the class was a surprise to me because my instructors would curse during lectures at my previous college, but having instructors care about what they fed into my spirit and life was a blessing. Pursuing the film industry and the principles Regent stood by is what led me to the school. The reflection of God represented through the instructors, staff, and students captured my heart and helped me realize this is where I belonged upon deciding to future my education to the doctoral program.

I would not be the woman I am today if it was not for Regent. I would not be this close to God while still growing closer to God if it was not for Regent. I chose Regent because I wanted to surround myself with people who spoke life into me. I wanted to incorporate God in my work because he is the foundation in all that I do. My journey at Regent has made it clear that integrating God in the workplace is just as important as incorporating him in our individual lives. Therefore, I would like to share that with those I do business with. I'm hoping the outcome of my doctoral degree will be set apart from all my other degrees. I pray that this degree opens doors to put me in a place of financial stability, yes but more so in a position to help others effortlessly. There is so much I want to do in the name of the Lord. Opening a foster home for young girls is one thing I'm passionate about achieving. While fostering these girls, I would like to share my life story with them and hopefully be viewed as a form of hope in their eyes. I want to work with these girls constantly to encourage them and help heal them. It's my goal to let them know great things can stem from challenging situations and bad times are temporary. It is my goal to be a walking testimony for these young ladies. I'm also very passionate about 'the arts' I haven't figured out the logistics of everything yet, but I would like to have a production company that produces Christian content. I want to have artists on my team who are very trendy, but more importantly, they are excellent role models who care about their influence over the youth. I also plan to host seminars, inspirational conferences, and events. In the near future, I would like to put together an event where local artists such as singers, painters, designers, models, craftsmen, and talents of all forms can showcase their work and let their skills be known. I can imagine this being a great networking event and a time to encourage artists to keep creating. My aspirations in life go beyond just being successful, but I want to help others reach their success and God-given purpose.

Sincerely,