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Dr. Dusit Charern, Dusit Foundation
The Dusty Scholarship

Dear Dr. Dusty,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Dusty Scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am Biology major and Chemistry minor with an emphasis on pre-optometry. I plan to someday pursue a career in optometry. I am currently a junior with a 3.70 GPA, and plan to graduate in the fall of 2011. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.


I am sure you are aware of the distinction a career in health care holds, as your niece Panasaya is pursuing a career in Dentistry at Harvard University. After informing my mother, Anchana, of the good news of the scholarship, I learned that this is a very small world. She knows your brother, Support, and his wife, Pat. She remembers you after meeting you many years ago, and bids you a hello and thank you.

My officer training in the Marines will begin in a month, where I will endure 6 weeks of the best training in Quantico, Virginia. When I graduate from UAH in December, 2011, I will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. I wish to become a pilot before moving onto optometry school later on.

For the past year, I have been a volunteer at Huntsville Hospital while receiving exposure to the medical field. I have recently been accepted into the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honors society. I have been a fortunate recipient of the UAH Academic Excellence scholarship, covering about half of my tuition.

By awarding me the Dusty Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship, and I look forward to meeting you again.

Sincerely,



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