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ABC Scholarship 45 Long's Peak Drive Denver, CO 76543

To: Dr. Hollis Myers, Scholarship Committee Chair

Dear Dr. Myers,

I am applying for the ABC Scholarship at Long's Peak University. You will find my Statement of Purpose, Resume, FAFSA information, and high school transcript attached to this application. I expect to graduate from Mountain City STEM High School in May and begin my college career at Long's Peak University in the Fall semester.

I am applying for this scholarship for two main reasons. First, I need financial aid to make college affordable. College is expensive, and my family alone cannot cover all the financial expenses of my attending college. I plan to work part-time on campus to offset some of the costs. However, I need ample time to study and I want the full college experience- dorm life, friendships, attending social events, sporting events, and participating in intramural sports. I want to participate in clubs and be a contributing member of Long's Peak University's community. The more financial burden I carry, the less time I have to study and be part of the campus community. Financial aid will give me security and lower my stress level. I know the first year of college is hard in many ways and having financial security will be one less stressor for me.

Second, I am applying for the ABC Scholarship because it is more than a financial scholarship- it is a program and community of its own. As you know, this scholarship requires the incoming cohort to attend a group orientation, two semesters of professional skills classes, and various social and academic activities throughout the year. It has the potential for community service-based travel during school breaks. This scholarship provides a community and a support system. Transitioning from high school to college is hard, and the ABC Scholarship Program is designed to give students an immediate sense of community and belonging. As a first-generation college student, the level of support provided by the ABC Scholarship staff and community will bolster my chances of collegiate success.

Attending Long's Peak University is a dream come true for me. I want to be there, and I want to be a successful student who contributes to the campus community. I also want to be a member of the ABC Scholarship Program. I look forward to hearing from you soon and hopefully meeting you at Finalist Interview Day.

Respectfully,

Kaylin Drake

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