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Horizon Scholars Foundation

Scholarship Review Committee

Dear Members of the Scholarship Review Committee,

I am submitting the enclosed essay as part of my application for the Horizon Scholars Foundation Scholarship. This letter offers brief context for the essay and explains how it reflects both my academic goals and the values that guide my educational path.

The essay examines how access to mentorship shapes long-term educational opportunity, drawing on research as well as personal observation. Rather than presenting a general discussion of inequality, I focused on the role of structured guidance in moments of academic transition. This focus reflects my interest in how targeted support can alter outcomes in practical, measurable ways.

This work also reflects my broader commitment to using education as a tool for contribution rather than advancement alone. Throughout my academic experience, I have sought opportunities to connect learning with service, particularly in mentoring younger students navigating similar challenges. Writing this essay helped me articulate how those experiences inform my goals and why continued access to education matters in sustaining that work.

I see this scholarship as an opportunity to deepen my academic training while remaining accountable to the communities that shaped me. Thank you for considering my application and the accompanying materials.

Sincerely,

Daniel Morales

