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- Grants-in-Aid Recipients

Dear Donor,

I was recently awarded the Merrill W. Haas Memorial Grant and I am writing to express my appreciation for your kind support that makes this grant possible.

I am a Master's student at Michigan State University and plan to graduate in May 2010. Upon completion of my Master's degree, I intend to either pursue a PhD in geology or enter the working world as an exploration geologist provided the opportunity presents itself. As I write this, I am approaching the end of a summer internship for an oil company in Houston where I am learning a great deal about the industry and getting to experience a fascinating combination of basic geologic fundamentals and 21st century technology.

Thanks to your generosity, I will soon be traveling to Alaska to conduct my field research and collect data. Moreover, because of this grant, I will be able to budget extra time in the field for collecting samples, mapping and measuring stratigraphic sections. Your financial support comes at a crucial time as academic departments and institutions nationwide are being forced to cut their budgets making it very difficult to find other sources of funding to support graduate research.

Lastly, I would like to say that I am privileged to receive an award that honors an individual with such a unique and encouraging life journey. As a fellow graduate from the great state of Michigan, I too grew up working on a farm and played in a band during my high school years. It seems our stories have similar beginnings and I would be most fortunate to keep them parallel in the years to come. Thank you for your generous contributions and support toward improving education.

Sincerely,
Matt Malkowski



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