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Dear Mr. Herr,

My name is Diana Stephens and I am delighted to have recently been granted admission to your college. I just received my financial aid award letter and appreciate your generous offer of \$27,930 for the 2014-15 school year. My family and I calculated a \$24,950 gap between the current offer and what we can afford.

My family's EFC is \$0. But, my family and I feel we can afford to pay \$5,000 per year. I also know that I may receive a government loan for the same amount. This leaves only a \$15,000 shortfall.

My two younger siblings and I live with my mother. Unfortunately she keeps running short financially. Recently, we moved in with my grandmother.

Our family's income will lower this year due to less child support received by my mother because I'm 18 now. My middle brother plans on going to college next year too, which means my mother will be struggling even more. My brother is a junior and has two part-time jobs. I have a part-time job as well, and we both contribute to our household as much as we can.

Wagner is one of my top choices, I was very proud when I got my acceptance letter. I've been admitted to other schools which are more affordable because they're in my state. But I believe Wagner is a good fit for me in that it is a small school in a big city and many student reviews online say there is a close family "vibe". I plan on majoring in Government & Politics and Wagner's Pre-Law program and practical learning outside of the classroom are of great interest to me. I've experienced working in a law firm before and know that this is the career for me. I want to work with the United Nations one day and Wagner will certainly give me the opportunity given its proximity to the UN headquarters. But sadly, I will not be able to attend Wagner without sufficient financial aid.

With money saved from my part time job, I was able to pay for my plane ticket and hotel to visit the on Admitted Students Day next month. As you can see, I'm serious about attending Wagner College.

Please know that any and all further assistance you provide will not only be very greatly appreciated, but returned a hundredfold through my volunteerism, positive attitude, good morale, effective leadership, and future philanthropic efforts as a Wagner College alumnus.

My ideal award letter would be one that covers my \$15,000 gap with grants. When I spoke with Jaclyn Hall; my admissions counselor, about this issue, I was told to file this letter of appeal.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Diana Stephens, Student ID Number 1234567
Wagner College, Class of 2018