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I am writing to thank you for the generous scholarship that I was awarded. I was very happy and excited to receive it and I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of the Summer Field Mapping Scholarship.

I am studying geology at SBCC and I am excited about the fields involving oil, water and how they interact with sediments. I especially like how we can determine past environments just by looking at the sediments and what fossils and other clues located in the strata. I have just one semester of geology left and plan on finishing next year out with some engineering courses in effort to achieve a minor in engineering along with a bachelors in geology. I am taking a summer field course this summer and this scholarship will be put to use right away paying for fees for this course. I am really excited to take this course and look forward to the academic challenges I know it will provide.

Thanks to you, I am able to relax and not stress about money during the class which will defiantly be reflected in the good grades I plan to achieve. The scholarship is a great help to me and also inspires me to try to give back to the community. I will be taking advantage of some volunteer opportunities this summer. Thank you for all the help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zachary" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Nelson".

Zachary Nelson

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