

Dear Kids' Chance:

In 2006, my father (a police officer) was working in an undercover capacity when he was targeted in a robbery. He was severely wounded, which later resulted in his retirement. The first memory I have of my father's accident is being rushed into a hospital room and being met with the sight of a green, sickly man. He had just gotten out of surgery to remove some of the bullets from his stomach and close his wounds. This memory has always stuck out to me because I think it symbolizes how observant, expressive, and detail-oriented I was as a child. As a college student, currently majoring in Digital Production for my associate's degree, and hoping to get my Bachelor of Applied Science in Marketing with a minor in Communication, I hope to use these qualities in my future career choice as a Creative Director and/or Marketing Director.

I have always been a very determined person, and I pride myself on being laser-focused on my goals. While I have my goals and careers ready and picked out, I wouldn't be able to continue my studies without financial support. I'd like to thank Kids Chance of Maryland Inc. for supporting me in my college endeavors. With this scholarship, I was not only able to apply to and attend all my necessary courses but also focus on excelling academically. The lack of financial stress played a huge part in the improvement of my work ethic and time management. I was able to focus on classes like Fundamentals of Communication and Technology and Information Systems, both extremely important classes for my field of study. I was also able to start learning Japanese. Learning Japanese has been a lifelong dream and goal of mine, and while learning a language is not crucial in my field, I believe that it will help me stand out. Next semester I hope to be able to join my

school's photography and fashion club, to help me build my marketing portfolio and develop the networking skills and ties needed for my intended industry. Going forward, I would like to start producing my own magazine and website, which would highlight young talent in fashion, marketing, and art.

I cannot stress enough the thanks and gratitude I have for Kids' Chance. Though this semester was challenging, it was easier to navigate knowing that there was a support system that believed in me, wholeheartedly.

Thank you again,

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