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Dear Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald,

My name is Casey Davis and I am a first-year graduate student in mechanical engineering at Stanford University, and a recipient of the John R. MacDonald Memorial Fellowship. Receiving an education at Stanford would be precluded entirely if it depended on the means of my family. This fellowship has opened up so many tremendous opportunities for me. A day rarely passes that I do not find myself amazed that I am actually walking on this campus, part of this incredible community. It seems like such an unlikely course from the neighborhood where I grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I love it here. I am so glad I get to be here. Thank you.

As an undergraduate at the University of Tulsa I had research projects in metal fatigue, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), and non-destructive testing. For two quarters now I have been doing research with Adrian Lew in mechanics and computation. I have been working problems in computational geometry. It's been fantastic.

In my free time I have been playing intramural football with a group of graduate students from West Point. We are currently 4-0 heading into the playoffs! I also have been a faithful attendee at the Stanford football games.

Thank you so much for your generous support of my graduate education, and for providing me with the opportunity to live and study in this wonderful community at Stanford.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Casey Davis