

SAMPLE STUDENT LETTER

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The first time I visited Indiana University, I knew that this was the college I wanted to attend. While I was on the tour I thought to myself, "I would fit in here, the campus is beautiful, it has a great academic reputation... this is the place where I want to go." I couldn't find anything that I didn't like about the school. To this day I still have no complaints! I wish you could have seen the pride on my parents' faces when I received my college acceptance to Indiana. Ideally, Indiana was an opportunity that I could not pass up. Realistically, my family could not afford the full cost of the Indiana tuition. Your kindness has allowed me to achieve my highest goals, and for this I thank you.

I have been involved in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Monroe County. I have been working with a fourth-grade girl all year. I spend about 4 hours with her each week. The two of us have formed a friendship, and it's so great to hear her when she expresses this to me. She's a terrific kid - I'm planning on staying with her next year.

This is the second semester of my junior year, and I am continuing to work towards my biology degree. In addition to classes, I am a teaching assistant in the genetics lab, and I work as a research assistant in a molecular laboratory several afternoons a week.

I will spend the majority of the summer working to help fund my education, but I hope to find time for a backpacking trip with some friends towards the end of summer. Next year will be my senior year, and I plan on doing a biology honors project, which will consist of designing my own experiment and writing a thesis. My plans are to pursue a graduate degree in ecology.

Thank you again for your generosity in helping me attend Indiana University.

Sincerely,

Susie Scholar