

Dear :

My son, _____ has been accepted at xxxxx University for the Fall 2017 Semester. In addition, we are in receipt of the proposed Financial Aid package which we appreciate. xxxxxx University is my alma-mater, and it is one of _____s top choices.

One of the reasons we requested aid initially is that my income was severely impacted over the past few years due to my having to deal with late-stage cancer. It was actually the subject of my son's college essay where he articulated how life changing and impactful this type of illness can have on a family. As the sole provider for my family, it was very difficult for me financially and emotionally so we are grateful for the aid package we have received because without it I am not sure he would be able to attend xxxxx University.

I began working again in 2016 with the hope of full recovery however this past Fall I was informed that the Cancer returned and had spread to my lungs. At that time, I began a long regime of chemotherapy and will have to have lung surgery in late April.

While I worked through my chemotherapy, it was difficult and many days I could simply not leave the house. As such, my work suffered and in particular I did not earn any of my quarterly bonuses which are a key component of my overall compensation. I am currently working as diligently as I can, but I do not know what my prognosis will be particularly after my surgery. As such, I am not sure how effectively I will be able to work and what my income will be in 2016. As it stands right now, once again we find it difficult to pay all of our financial obligations.

My concern is that I am not sure how we are going to bridge the gap financially in terms of what _____ has been offered, and what his first year expenses will be. Even though clearly my illness is out of my control, I am embarrassed and candidly very nervous that I cannot send my son to college next year.

Again, I am grateful for the consideration you have offered to date, but if there is any additional aid available it would help to insure that _____ attends xxxxx University. If you or any of the staff would like to discuss this with me directly, feel free to contact me at _____

Respectfully submitted,