

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you very much for all the valuable information given to both parents and students at orientation. Our daughter is our oldest child so this is our first time going through the daunting college process. We are so grateful for the merit scholarship she was awarded. However, we are asking for additional financial assistance. Unfortunately, we are struggling to find a way to afford the proposed parental contribution.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an extremely motivated student driven to succeed. She finished #10 in her class of approximately 400 students. She accomplished this while working part-time, participating in club and high school gymnastics (15-20 hours a week) and volunteering numerous hours in the community. \_\_\_\_\_ knew immediately Sacred Heart was the perfect fit for her. She was accepted as a health science major and qualified for admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy 4+3 program. Our major concern was, and continues to be, how are we going to pay for this education? As her parents, we are willing to pay what we can afford to help her attend her dream school. However, based on the minimal need-based financial aid awarded, \_\_\_\_\_ will have to fund the majority of her education. As it stands, we have a younger son who will be attending college in a couple of years and we need to balance our parent contributions so that each child has an equal opportunity to attend college. We would love to see \_\_\_\_\_ strive at Sacred Heart but as parents we need to try and minimize the amount of debt she takes on. As it stands, she will be leaving Sacred Heart with student loans and interest totaling ~\$200,000. This does not even take into the account the possibility of completing the Doctorate program.

We are not unrealistic in that \_\_\_\_\_ will need to be responsible for student loans. We just feel the expected parental contribution is well beyond what we can afford and shifting that financial burden to \_\_\_\_\_ is every parent's worst nightmare. If there is any way you could reconsider and find some additional aid,

it would be greatly appreciated. We are willing to provide you with any further information you need to make your decision. We would also be willing to schedule an appointment to discuss it further.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,