

To : XXXXX Financial Aid/Admissions Department

In February of 20XX, I traveled to XXXX and XXXX to see hockey games at each school. To my surprise, the highlight of this trip for me was "XXXXXXX" at the XXXX game. This was my first exposure to college and XXXX.

Two years later, I visited XXXX again in February for a campus visit, presentation, tour and meeting with XXXX Coach Jeff XXXX and the rest of the XXXX coaching staff. The day before, we did the same thing at XXXXX College. We walked to the car after meeting with the coaches and I told my mom I wanted to go to XXXXX . She said we have a number of schools to visit so hold that thought . We visited MIT, Wooster, Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Hobart, Bentley and Stonehill. We had invitations to visit all the NESCAC, 4 IVY's, U of Chicago, U of Rochester and 30-40 other schools who liked my grades and ability to play XXXXXX. I wanted to be within a couple hours of home at a top school that had an excellent Finance program and a good division 3 XXXXXX program. RPI has been that school since this past February.

I have felt comfortable with and liked everyone I have met from the coaching staff, to Admissions people, to the players on the team. I met with XXXXXX about the Quantitative Finance program and she mapped out how it might be possible to get this Masters Degree in 4 years. I followed up with Mr Chris XXXX who confirmed it was possible.

My parents told me if I earned my spending money, they would somehow pay for college. I applied Early Decision to XXX because that is where I want to go. It is currently the most expensive of the 4 schools of interest and I hope and pray that things can be worked out. I am a top student /athlete who will bring the very best to RPI and hope to have the opportunity to do so this coming fall.

Sincerely,