

[College/University Name]

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[Attn: Office of Financial Aid]

Dear XXXXXXXX,

We are writing to you to express our gratitude in receiving xxxxx's Financial Aid Package. With that being said, we would like to ask if at this time, if there may be any additional money that xxxxx may be eligible to receive. I would like to share, if brief, our current financial situation.

Until recently I have been unemployed for the last several years. Due to our situation, with no income to speak of, I had to take money from our savings/college account in order to keep our house, pay our monthly bills and feed my family, etc., etc. Not realizing how long this was going to go on, we kept at it in hopes of a change. It was almost two years of unemployment, which dissolved our savings account.

I am currently working, but still have not been able to save money for xxxxx's college, as I am still paying off some other financial obligations that arose due to my unemployment. Due to our situation at this point, we would need more assistance from [College/University Name] in order to feel comfortable sending xxxxxxx there. We do have another son, xxxxxx, who is a junior in high school and will be attending college just a year after xxxxxx, so this makes our situation a bit more involved. Although [College/University Name] is xxxxxxx's first choice a few others will be much more cost-effective for our family.

We have explained to our boys how important a College degree is and we only want the best for your children. If I had had a degree, I might not have been in the situation I was for those two years and my boys know first-hand how difficult things can be and how important it is to get into a great college and achieve great things while attending college.

I know xxxxxxx wants to attend [College/University Name] and run Track there. xxxxxx does have other more cost-effective options but not the College of his choice. We all feel the education that xxxxxxx will receive at [College/University Name] will be far better than any other. We have family members that attended [College/University Name]. They have all told xxxx what a great college [College/University Name] is and the education is outstanding.

XXXXXX is a person who is very well liked at xxxxxxx High, both by his peers, teachers and the many coaches that have coached xxxxxx along the way. He is a very kind and understanding person, one who can be trusted 100 percent. He has always been a three season sport player and has done remarkably well in Soccer, Track and Field and Lacrosse. Last fall we went with Joe to tour the college and meet with Coach xxxxxx we all fell in love with everything we saw, the people we met and the beautiful new Academic Center, the campus over all was outstanding. When we met with Coach xxxxxx, that just sealed the deal for "me". Coach xxxx was amazing, took us on a tour, sat down with all us and went into detail what to expect from his track team at [College/University Name]. This is the coach I want my son to be coached by, they will be spending a lot of time together and I couldn't have chosen someone better (and believe me, we have met our share of coaches).

Lastly, we were all so enthused and excited for xxxxx to have such a great opportunity to attend [College/ University Name]. I only hope that you may find a way of providing some more financial aid to assist xxxxxx.

Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach me at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. We look forward to hearing back from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,