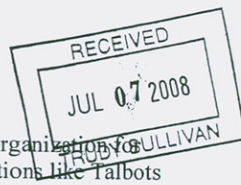


June 24, 2008

Dear Ms. Sullivan:



I would like to thank you, the Selection Committee, and the Talbots organization for awarding me a \$2,000 scholarship. As a result of gifts from organizations like Talbots and the Arnold Zetcher Scholarship Fund, students like myself are able to receive high-quality college educations.

As the sole financier of my education, I cannot begin to describe to you how much this scholarship helps. Going to a school like the University of Wisconsin and living in a city like Madison come with a very high price tag and without awards like this I do not believe that I would be able to continue financing my education.

Currently I am a double major in Political Science and Russian and will also graduate with a Certificate in Business. It is my plan to attend law school following my graduation next May. In order to better prepare myself for a career involving politics, international affairs, and business I have interned on the state level in the Wisconsin Assembly, on the federal level with the United States Congress, and have travelled abroad multiple times including this past fall when I spent the semester studying abroad in Moscow, Russia.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for being selected as a recipient of this award. Without it and other awards like it I would not be where I am today. If there is any other information you are interested in receiving from me please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zack Kirscher".

Zack Kirscher