

December 4th, 2019

Mrs. Crystal Matthews-Johnson

Office of Financial Aid

University of Texas, Dallas

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Dear Mrs. Crystal Matthews-Johnson,

I am Aashish Dhalla, and I'm very much looking forward to attending University of Texas, Dallas in fall 2020. I would like to make an appeal to you to aid me financially for the above course. As per the college norms and regulations, I satisfy all the criteria prescribed for meritorious students who wish to seek financial assistance.

Briefly, my academic career has been focused on Computer Science and I have consistently maintained a GPA of 8.4. I have worked on various projects and one of my project helped the college to reduce the usage of paper. My intuitiveness and urge to learn new things quickly as well as analytical skills earned me a 'STAR Award' in my project (Jun'19). Post MS, I want to especially work on projects in healthcare involving deep learning and neural networks. My long-term goal is to develop a solution for the healthcare industry that would give suggestions about possible diseases, diagnosis, and which specialists to consult based on the symptoms of the patients. I have also successfully balanced my academic interests with the following activities: athletics such as cricket and soccer, did community service and organized various events during my college days. I was the Student Representative of the Computer Science Department for two years, a member of the Department's soccer team, and captained the Department's cricket team too.

Unfortunately, my family is now experiencing severe financial difficulty as my father, our family's sole income provider, was one of the unfortunate employees whose employment was suddenly severed. My mother is now looking for any job to at least help us in our financial situation, but since she is not a college degree holder, it is doubtful if she can land a job that can adequately support us, let alone my education. My father is also looking for a

new employer but he mentioned that it may take a while before he could find a decent employer that can provide for the same income he was earning at his last employment. I sincerely desire to attend at University of Texas, Dallas, but apparently, it will be difficult for me to do so without an additional financial aid. In this regard, I would greatly appreciate your help regarding this matter and for any help you may extend for me.

Sincerely,

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