

Dear Ms. O’Shields,

My name is Hunter Black, and I have been awarded the Dick and Shirley O’Shields Engineering Scholarship.  I want to thank you for your generosity in making this scholarship available to me, and that my family and I are very grateful.

I am currently studying Computer Science at the University of Oklahoma, a field which has interested me ever since I was very young. My fascination for computers and technology in general led me early on to explore the inner workings of the early-age computers I had lying around my house, collecting dust in the corner. I cannibalized these “primitive” machines, trying to wrap my mind around how mankind was able to make something that would eventually put the knowledge of the world at your fingertips. I hope through my studies I am eventually able to design and develop software and hardware that are as influential in their time as the Altair 8800 was in the early days of computers.

In addition to computers and technology, I am also an avid music fan, having played trumpet in my middle school and high school bands. I was a member of the marching band for four years in high school, and was a drum major my senior year. Music has been very influential to me, and I hope that I will be able to incorporate this interest in my future endeavors.

Reading about your parents various achievements and honors is extremely humbling. Their numerous travels around the world echo my own desire to explore and see what else is out there, and your father’s multitude of achievements during his service in World War II as well as his strides in the petroleum engineering field are definitely something to set as examples in my own life. I hope to reach the level of success that your parents reached in their own lives, both academically, professionally, and personally.

Again, thank you for supporting OU engineering students and scholarships.  I hope to thank you in person someday and learn more about your career.

Sincerely,

Hunter Black