To Whom It May Concern:

My father, a Title 1, Special Education teacher at the Department of Corrections, has raised me. My father does not have a lot of money. My father completed his Bachelor’s degree at ASU and is now working on his Master’s. I have been taught since an early age, college is not an option; I have a responsibility and obligation to continue my education, a responsibility and obligation to my dad, my community, and myself to learn. My dad reminds me daily a B.S. degree will not be enough in today’s world. I plan on living up to my responsibility and obligation. I will earn my Ph.D.

My father graduated with student loans, which he is still paying for. I hope to avoid this. I have always put my academics first. I am currently a freshman in the Physics Department at ASU. I currently have a GPA of 3.8. I exceeded on all areas of AIMS in high school. I have taken and passed the AP Calculus AB exam. I scored 30 on the ACT. I was the President of Heritage Academy’s National Honor Society. I am currently a student at Barrett, the honors college, and completed 14 credit hours last semester. My immediate career plans include completing my Bachelor’s degree, in Physics, at ASU within the next 3 years. I would like to be involved in as much research as possible. I will then go on to earn my Ph.D in Physics at ASU. My focus will be my academics. Between scholarships, my dad, and living at home, this will be possible. Once I earn my Ph.D, I would like to work in theoretical physics, doing research. Perhaps one day following in my father’s footsteps and teach.

I believe I should be considered for this scholarship because of my dedication to my academics and my desire to continue my education, earning a Ph.D in Physics at ASU. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the scholarship program with you and to provide further information on my candidacy. I can be reached anytime via my home phone, 480.664.6332.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you about this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jordan Swenson