Dear Greg and Pat White,

We are Robert and Jenna McShinsky and we are extremely grateful for this scholarship that you have so graciously given. We have recently been married and have been for just over a year and a half. Our first year started right before the covid pandemic hit worldwide and everyone was required to quarantine. As such, we joke that we have experienced 7 years of marriage in that first year. Currently, we are competitive ballroom dancers and travel around the country and world to compete in the Amateur Ballroom category! One of our upcoming competitions that we are extremely excited about is *The International Ball* in London, England. It will be Jenna’s first time out of the country and our first time at this competition. Some things that we enjoy besides dancing are watching crime television series and enjoying nature.

Robert is a Senior at BYU and is studying the Communications major with an emphasis in Advertising. Jenna is a Junior and is currently in the Public Health Major with an emphasis in Health Science. We love the experience and structure that school and learning brings into our lives and we hope to also help in scholarship funds in the future to give back to the program and the people that helped us throughout our journey as students and also dancers.

Combined, we have been dancing for about 30 years; Robert(14) and Jenna(16). However we have only been partners for about two years. In our time dancing together, we have traveled all around the country from California to New York. We have a deep passion for this combined form of art and sport and we love sharing our ability and knowledge with everyone who watches us perform. As such we are full of gratitude for the support that we are receiving from you.

The BYU Ballroom Dance Program has been a goal and dream of ours ever since we were young. Both of us have had siblings dance on BYU’s Touring Company in the past. Because of their examples, we have chosen this path and now we also share our dancing talents and abilities with people around the world. Being a part of the Touring Company, we get to not only experience individual dance, but also enjoy expressing our love and passion with others who have had the same dream that we have! This program is unique and can only be found here at BYU and we are very grateful and honored to be a part of it!

Thank you once again for these scholarships! They mean the world to us and we are very blessed that you have donated so generously to help us in not only our dancing, but also our education. Because of you, we can now devote more time to our studies and our dancing and show our love for dance to as many people as possible!

Sincerely,

Robert McShinsky Robert McShinsky

Jenna McShinsky Jenna McShinsky