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Dear SNUCMAA:

I hope this message finds you well! When I sent in my home address, I wanted to initially confirm my information, but I do want to further express my deepest gratitude for selecting me as a scholarship recipient.

For me, receiving this scholarship is a personal recognition of my accomplishments and an encouragement to continue striving throughout college and beyond. Receiving financial support from the scholarship is certainly gratifying, but the scholarship more broadly represents a recognition of the progress I've made and the potential I have to engineer positive change in my life, my communities, and society as a whole.

The award is also a representation of my family's journey: my dad is a graduate of Seoul National University, so having the support of SNU throughout college reminds my family and me of the risks my family took when they immigrated to the United States years ago and the financial, cultural, and personal obstacles we've overcome since then. When I notified my dad, he was visibly surprised and particularly gratified because of his personal connection to SNU – it was a full-circle moment of reflective joy.

Again, thank you so much! I hope you remain safe and healthy in these trying times.

Best,

Patrick