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Dear Whitney Benefits,

Whitney benefits was essential in furthering my education as well as my career. I have multiple instances where Whitney Benefits has either donated or provided financial assistance with educational opportunities that otherwise would have been financially unfeasible for me to participate in. While in High School I participated in multiple groups that had opportunities to travel to areas of the country that would increase my knowledge and also prepare myself for after high school. After describing what the trips were for and how they would benefit my educational growth, Whitney Benefits provided a donation in order to participate in these national conferences.

Graduating high school, like many, I was unsure of the direction that I wanted to go. With this I started college with the help of Whitney Benefits. Their financial assistance was essential to not only my continuing education but also after, by putting myself in a more favorable position by paying off the loan in a short amount of time. The zero percent interest portion of the loan is amazing and Whitney Benefits gives the recipient the responsibility on how they want to use the loan. If expensive books are needed, the money would be available. If other scholarships or other funds were available for books or tuition, the assistance could be used for other needs in order to fully concentrate on education.

When dealing with outside resources in order to obtain financial assistance for education most of the time it can be difficult to say the least. Either the foundation is difficult to contact or the criteria for even applying for the financial system is confusing. I have found that Whitney Benefits is the exact opposite of other foundations with regards to this. I have personally contacted Whitney Benefits to either get a loan repay amount or an explanation of policy and at all times they were quick to respond if I left a message or had the answer on the spot. At all times they were very easy to work with and have helped me multiple times in order to make sure I was fully informed.

To any individual either looking for financial assistance to further their education or wanting to help Whitney Benefits to provide financial assistance to the community, I highly recommend speaking with the staff and to look into Whitney Benefits further. To me Whitney Benefits has become a cornerstone to this community with the responsible assistance it provides with both donations and assistance with furthering our community's education. I am very grateful for what Whitney Benefits has done for me and am proud to be part of this community where there is an organization that is so supportive of our youth that want to further their education.

Sincerely,

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