

Dear Whitney Benefits,

I want to thank the Foundation for the student loan I received to complete my college education in 1998. The loan from Whitney Benefits allowed me to receive a degree in architectural engineering and continue another year for a degree in architecture from the University of Kansas.

The repayment terms of a Whitney Benefits Student Loan are incredibly helpful. Because the loan was interest free, I was able to pay it off in just a few years. Without the financial burden of student loans, I was able to start my own business back in Sheridan sooner than would have otherwise been possible.

The student loans which Whitney Benefits provide to students in Sheridan and Johnson Counties are probably one of the most important programs at Whitney Benefits. I would encourage the Whitney Benefits Board of Directors to continue the student loan program at the greatest capacity possible since it provides a variety of opportunities for students to further their education locally, elsewhere in Wyoming, or anywhere in the world. That diverse educational experience is one of the best things which recipients of a Whitney Benefits Student Loan can return to the community.

Sincerely,

Paul Birkholz
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