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Mr. Lex Harvey  
Chairman  
Town of Fishkill Republican Committee  
P.O. Box 585  
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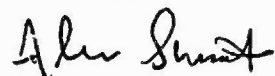
Dear Mr. Harvey:

I want to take this opportunity to give you my deepest thanks for awarding me the Southern Dutchess Republican Scholarship. The money I will receive for this award will greatly improve my educational experience.

This fall, I plan to major in accounting and take additional classes in economics and finance at CUNY Baruch College in Manhattan. As I plan to live in an apartment close to Baruch, the cost of living will be very high. Every extra dollar that I receive puts me one step further towards being able to cover my college costs outright. Because of you and the Town of Fishkill Republican Committee, I am now 1000 steps further towards paying my bills.

In my application essay, I blamed the over-extended credit initiated by Bill Clinton's Statist regime as one of the principal causes of our country's financial crisis. My definition of "credit" also extends to college loans. Of course, borrowing money to pay for education may be one of the best investments of a person's life. As Ben Franklin put it, "An investment in knowledge pays the best dividend." However, I believe that any loan that is close to or beyond the means of a family or person can only aggravate the current crisis. This includes enormous college loans. Therefore, I am utterly thankful for your help and the committee's help in greatly lowering and possibly eliminating my need for a college loan.

Sincerely,



Alan Smit