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[FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME]  
[ADDRESS]  
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Dear [FIRST NAME],

Something exciting happened last spring as I was finishing my first year in the Environmental Studies Ph.D. program at Antioch New England. I opened my financial aid letter and found a wonderful surprise. For the second year running, Antioch awarded me a scholarship that has made a tremendous difference to me as I pursue my degree.

Like you, I chose Antioch because the Environmental Studies program is so strongly interdisciplinary. I liked the service aspect, because my goal is to give back to my community. I come from the mountainous rural area of Jamaica, where most homes have no electric power. I've seen solar electric work in Kenya, in India, and in Cuba. I know it could work for Jamaica, and that's the topic of my dissertation.

I want to become a solar champion for the Caribbean!

The scholarship is really helping to make that possible. You see, I'm not only a student – I'm also the only breadwinner for a family of five. Antioch's flexible schedule makes it possible for me to keep my regular job while I'm at school. I teach 7<sup>th</sup>-grade math and science to Caribbean immigrant kids in Brooklyn, New York, kids who weren't performing so well without teachers from their own culture. I don't own a car – I ride-share up to Antioch with other students for classes. As a resident alien, I'm not eligible for student loans – so this scholarship is making all the difference.

Antioch New England awarded more than \$175,000 in scholarships last year, thanks in part to donations. These scholarships allow students like me to carry on meaningful work and graduate with less debt – in some cases, to graduate at all.

Please consider a gift to the Graduate School's Annual Fund. Antioch uses your Annual Fund gift where it's most needed: for vital teaching equipment, for library resources and technology, and for financial aid. Your donation can really help students like me, who want to make a positive difference in the world.

Sincerely,

Student Name  
Second-Year Environmental Studies Ph.D. Student

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