

Dear Lake Erie Alumni Chapter,

I would like to take this time to sincerely thank you for awarding me with the **Lake Erie Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association Trustee Scholarship**. I am currently a junior at Penn State Behring majoring in finance. One of the activities I partake in is Toastmaster's International. It is a club that helps people develop their public speaking skills. I am not the most outgoing person but I am a firm believer in the power of a good orator. Being a skilled speaker will lead to a successful life in all aspects. After college, I plan on receiving my officer's commission in the United States Marine Corps. I have a passion for American history so I would like to use my military educational benefits to pursue further education once I leave the service. This scholarship means a lot to me; it is a giant weight taken off my shoulders. I currently work part-time and it is oftentimes a fight just to pay my tuition bill. This generous scholarship has helped me devote more time to my studies, which I can already see reflected in my grades. It has also given me more time to read and study history; knowledge that will serve me well today and in the future. I thank you again for awarding me this scholarship and hope that my efforts now and in the future will reflect well on Penn State and our local community.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Widomski