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Dear Dr. Tinajero

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**Dr. Robert Tinajero**  
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Although I have not had a traditional collegiate journey, I believe the work I have put forth in the last decade I have strived to obtain my various degrees should reflect my deserving of the DFW Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship.

When I first graduated high school in 2008, I was in the top 5% of my class and on course to attend one of the most prestigious HBCUs in the nation, on a full scholarship, I might ask. However, in the Spring of 2009, my mother was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and died shortly thereafter in August of 2009. Due to her death, I had to drop out of college and move back home to co-parent my two younger siblings with my father.

Since then, I have seen my brother earn his degree in Kinesiology and my younger sister raise two baby boys and work on a degree in the medical field. In addition to that, I have married and become a parent as well.

During the initial lockdown during the inception of the COVID-19 pandemic, I returned to school and earned my Associate of Arts degree. I attended TAMIU where I was a staff writer for their student newspaper, The Bridge.

During the height of COVID-19, we saw food insecurity begin to affect Black and Latinx children disproportionately and their adults working as front-line workers, I began to work for a mutual aid group providing aid to these families for an organization called, The Snack Sack.

In addition to this, I also volunteered with a mutual aid group called Lucha Dallas focused on the advancement and protection of BIPOC individuals in Dallas. During the 100 day of protests last summer after the murder of George Floyd, I worked as an activist and advocate for this same mutual aid group.

All in all, when thinking of a well rounded and deserving student who exemplifies the qualities this scholarship is seeking to reward, I wholeheartedly believe that I am that student. My devotion not only to my studies, but my family and the people of Dallas reflects that I am a DFW scholar.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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