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Dear National Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the "National Pharmaceutical Association Foundation" presidential scholarships. As one of the recipients of this very prestigious scholarship, I am honored to have the opportunity to thank you for your generosity. As you already know, a professional education can be quite taxing financially, especially on the pharmacy student with the current state of the economy.

Currently, I am a third year Pharmacy student at the Texas A & M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy. I am a first generation Hispanic-American with both of my parents hailing from Colombia. Neither of my parents attended college. Living most of my life in the United States and months at a time in Colombia, I have witnessed firsthand the discrepancies in healthcare amongst minorities and the underserved. Throughout my life, I have felt a compelling urge to help those less fortunate and give back to the community. This is why I chose pharmacy as a profession. Upon entering Texas A & M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy, I learned about SNPhA which is the one organization which allows me the means to grow as a healthcare professional set on aiding the underserved community.

After attending several SNPhA and NPhA meetings, I have witnessed that NPhA and SNPhA are invaluable in helping many future pharmacists with aspirations in aiding minorities and the underserved, not just by their financial support, but also through mentoring and opening up new horizons for the profession of pharmacy to expand into.

Again, I thank you for your magnanimity, dedication to those less fortunate, and to the grand profession of pharmacy.

Respectfully,



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