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R. J. Gibbs
Captain, Civil Engineer Corps,
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Dear Captain Gibbs,

Three years ago, I attended the SAME Engineering and Construction Camp at Colorado Springs. I often think back to the great experience that it afforded me. The mentors and leaders of the camp created a positive environment in which we students learned leadership, teamwork, and a strong passion for the engineering sciences. I left the camp with a stronger sense of patriotism, better leadership skills, a stronger desire to pursue engineering, and many unforgettable memories. I'll never forget tying down our tent during a violent hail storm or launching ten-gallon buckets with the catapult we built. I wish all high school students interested in the military and/or engineering could be fortunate enough to attend the camp.

As you probably know, I am getting ready to enter my second year at Washington University in St. Louis where I am pursuing an engineering degree. The SAME camp played a big role in my decision to pursue engineering; the camp made engineering fun and very rewarding. I am pursuing mechanical engineering, but not in the traditional sense. I am pursuing biomechanical engineering, with the ultimate goal of applying physical engineering principles to medicine. My time at Washington University has been the greatest experience of my life. It has given me an incredible learning environment and jobs that I never imagined. I have been able to work in a genetic engineering lab, a neuroscience lab where I assisted with Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and a cardiovascular research lab where I used computer systems with heart images to measure stress and strain in the ventricles during contraction. I can't wait to get back to school to continue my classes and exciting jobs.

Your scholarship will really help me this year. I am so appreciative for your assistance. Your generous gift will allow me to continue my education at a school where unthinkable opportunities are offered every day. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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