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Dear XXXXX,

Hello! You don't know me but I want to say thousands of thanks to you.

Because my family is poor, I worked hard in order to be accepted into a good high school. Now that I have accomplished that, I am very excited to be able to attend the best high school in western Guangdong.

When I heard that I would receive a scholarship, I was speechless. Thank you! Though I have never seen you in person, you are great figures in my heart!

Education was my only option. In the countryside, I wouldn't have had any choices without an education. I have a dream which is also the dream of all the people who care about me and help me. In the future, I will do everything in my power to repay society because I will never forget the love that I have received.

I love my Chinese lessons. In class, I like to learn about Chinese history. When I have free time, I like to read novels. Maxim Gorky is my role model. I cried every time I read his book *My Childhood*. I was very inspired to see how he was able to achieve so much despite the difficulties he went through. During summer vacation, I had to stay at home to help with the farm work, but I was happy to be with my family.

I have a nice name, which means in Chinese: health and prosperity.

If I have the opportunity to go to college, I will repay all those who have helped and cared about me. Dear XXXXX, I really appreciate what you have done for me. You let me have hope in my life! Thank you!

All the best wishes to you! May you have a happy and healthy life!

Sincerely yours,

Yu



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name GD 106	Jianyu
Year in School	10 (High School 1)
Age	17
Annual Family Income	2,500 RMB = \$338
Favorite class	Chinese
Favorite sport	Basketball
Free time activities	Reading novels
Summer holiday activities	Stayed at home to help with the farm work
Future goals	Attend a university





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Dear XXXXX,

My name is Tao. It's a great pleasure to know you.

I am now a high school student in Guangdong. There are five people in my family. I live in a single-parent family. I am an open-minded and energetic girl.

When I was in middle school, I knew I might not be able to attend high school because my family was too poor. But I really wanted to go to school, so I told myself that I should at least try to get accepted even if I couldn't go in the end. Then, I got a summer job out of town. I went to work this summer after taking the high school entrance exam. Later, my sister called and told me that I was admitted to the best school in our county. I was so happy that I cried. I asked my father with tears in my eyes if I could continue to go to school and my father asked me, "Do you want to go to school?"

"Yes, very much indeed!", I cried!

"Then I will do my best to help you go to high school!" my father answered.

Now, I am back at school. I believe that if I work hard, I can finally be something and change my life forever. I dreamed of going to my ideal college since I was a little girl. When I have the ability in the future, I will help those in need.

I love math, physics and chemistry. I also love basketball and jogging. Normally I read and listen to music for entertainment. During summer vacations, sometimes I stay at home and sometimes I go to the city to work. I will work hard in order to go to college.

Dear XXXXX, I am very grateful for your help. I think I am the luckiest girl among the 1.3 billion Chinese. I am very happy that I have come into contact with you, such a good man. A good man will have a good life. I hope you lead a happy life. I also wish you will have a healthy body, a happy family and a good job.

I wish you happiness every day!

Tao



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name	GD 107	Mintao
Year in School		10 (High School 1)
Age		17
Annual Family Income		1,500 RMB = \$203
Favorite class		Math, Physics and Chemistry
Favorite sport		Basketball, running
Free time activities		Reading, listening to music
Summer holiday activities		Stayed at home to help with the farm work
Future goals		Attend a university





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Dear XXXXX,

My name is Shan. I love English, but I am not always able to practice my English. I am very grateful that you gave me the opportunity to go back to school again. My sister-in-law had a serious illness and had to have an operation. Because we had to use up all of our savings for the operation, my family was not able to afford my tuition. My adoptive parents are getting old, so I had prepared myself for giving up on my education. But because of your support, I am able to go back to school. I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity that you gave to me. You let me be reborn and gave me a once in a life-time chance to change my life and my family's life. With your support and help, I will work even harder so that in the future I can help other poor kids just like you helped me.

Dear XXXXX, you are like an angel to us poor kids. I hope I will be able to help poor children just like you did. I want to be a doctor, so I can save people's lives. You are my role model. You give me confidence. I will do well in my studies to lay a solid foundation for the future. Hope you will always be like an angel guarding children in difficult situations.

I love English class. I love playing badminton. During my spare time, I love reading and listening to music. During this past summer vacation, I went to the city to work so I could make life for my family a little bit easier. In my future, I really want to be a doctor.

Sincerely,

Shan



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name GD 109	Lishan
Year in School	10 (High School 1)
Age	17
Annual Family Income	1,500 RMB = \$203
Favorite class	English
Favorite sport	Badminton
Free time activities	Reading, Listening to music
Summer holiday activities	Went to the city to work in a factory
Future goals	To be a doctor





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Dear XXXXX,

Hello, my name is Zhi, and I am in 10th grade. When I learned that I received a scholarship, I was very excited because I knew I would be able to make my dreams come true.

I have had a dream since I was young. My dream is to go to college. Step by step, I was able to make it to high school. When I was in primary school, we needed to buy the school uniform. Back then, both of my parents were working in factories away from home and only my grandma was home with me. My grandma asked my parents to send back some money to buy the uniform for me, but my parents said that they didn't have the money at the time. I was so worried that I cried. Finally, a teacher paid for the uniform for me. I will never forget her. She will always be a good teacher to me.

After primary school, my family struggled just to let me finish middle school. After taking the examination for high school, my family told me that they could not afford my high school tuition. I was very sad. I wanted to go to school and I wanted to go to college. I was determined to continue my studies. So my family tried to borrow money for my school. Now, I have received a scholarship from you and I was really moved and grateful. With your generous help, I can realize my dreams. Let me sincerely say thank you again.

Thank you! Thanks for helping me!

Zhi



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name	GD 110	Xiazhi
Year in School		10 (High School 1)
Date of Birth		5/30/1991
Annual Family Income		2,000 RMB = \$270
Favorite class		P.E.
Favorite sport		Basketball
Free time activities		Sports, would love to learn to play the piano but never had the chance
Summer holiday activities		Went to the city to work in a factory
Future goals		Test into a foreign language university





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Dear XXXXX,

Hello! I am a student. My name is Feng. I really appreciate your support. When I found out that I was admitted to the best school in the county, I was very happy and excited but at the same time, I was a little bit scared. I was worried that my family could not afford the tuition. My father is getting older and his health is not very good. My uncle helped me a little by borrowing money from others to support my education. But now, with your help, I can realize my dream of going to high school. I guarantee that I will do my best to attend a good college. I want to have a good job in the future so that I can repay my father, society and you. Only education can change my life. Knowledge creates fortune and knowledge is the path to success.

My hobbies are kind of special. I love history and gym. I love the high-jump and playing soccer. During my spare time, I do some reading and sports. During summer vacation, I stay at home to help with the farm work.

My goal is to become a successful person and to contribute to society. In the future, if I have the resources, I will help those in need just like you helped me. The world is a better place because of your loving hearts. Let me thank you again from the bottom of my heart! Thank you for letting me realize my dream to go to high school.

All my best wishes to you!

Sincerely yours,

Feng



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name GD 112	Yanfeng
Year in School	10 (High School 1)
Age	18
Annual Family Income	2,000 RMB = \$270
Favorite class	P.E. and History
Favorite sport	High-jump and soccer
Free time activities	Reading, doing some sports
Summer holiday activities	Worked on the farm at home
Future goals	Become a successful person





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Dear XXXXX,

My name is Zhaomei. I am in the tenth grade. I am very happy that I am able to continue my education. You have given me the power to do so. When I heard that I was accepted to the best high school in the county, I was exhilarated but at the same time I was afraid that I was too poor to afford it. It was a confusing time and I didn't know what to do. Luckily, I received a scholarship from you and I am very moved.

I will work hard to show you my gratitude. My present goals are to work hard, to have a loving heart and to help other poor children just like you have done.

During my free time, I like to read. Sometimes, I have to find odd jobs because it's hard for my father to make ends meet. This summer, I went out to the city to work in a factory so I could help my family. Working in the factory made me realize that if I don't go to school now, I will end up miserable working in the factory. So I am really eager to have the opportunity to continue my education. I really appreciate your help. It's very hard working in the factory and sometimes I wanted to cry, but thinking about my family and knowing that I was helping to make their lives easier, I continued to work.

I'm very grateful.

Zhaomei



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name GD 113	Zhaomei
Year in School	10 (High School 1)
Date of Birth	5/6/1992
Annual Family Income	1000 RMB = \$135
Favorite class	Physics
Favorite sport	Badmitton
Free time activities	Read books
Summer holiday activities	Went to the city to work in a factory
Future goals	Be a teacher





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Dear XXXXX,

Hello! First of all, thank you for your help! Though I don't know you personally, I still really appreciate what you have done for me!

First of all, I would like to introduce myself to you. I am Mei, a tenth grade student in a high school in Guangdong province. I was very excited to be accepted by the premier high school. But at the same time, I was scared because my family could not afford it. I was afraid I would have to move away and work instead. Fortunately, my family was very supportive and they told me not to worry about the tuition. Still, I knew that they could not afford it and that they told me that because they didn't want me to worry. Yet, I was worried. But now things have changed. With your help, I can go to school without worrying about the tuition. I was so happy when I heard that I received this scholarship. Now, I want to say thank you again. I will work hard to repay you. In the future, when I am grown up, I will carry on your loving spirit to help those in need.

My dream is to attend college, so I can broaden my horizon and be more educated. I know that college life is wonderful and I am the kind of person who aspires for wonderful things. I hope I can go to college. Now, my favorite class is English and I love jogging. I love reading books during my free time; they can help me have a broader vision. During summer vacation, I worked some part-time jobs to relieve the burden on my family.

I don't know what to say except for THANK YOU!

Mei



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name GD 116	Haimei
Year in School	10 (High School 1)
Age	14
Annual Family Income	2,100 RMB = \$284
Favorite class	English
Favorite sport	Running
Free time activities	Reading
Summer holiday activities	Went to the city to work in a factory
Future goals	To go to university





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Dear XXXXX,

Hello! My name is Lin. My father died when I was little. Living in a poor household, I understood the importance of education at a young age. I wanted to go to school. I loved studying and I didn't want to give up my dreams of a bright future because of family difficulties. Though there was little chance that I could continue my education, I believe it is very important to at least have a dream. To me, opportunities are so important that I cannot let even a single chance pass me by. Education can change our lives and a bright future is waiting for me.

Now, I want to thank all of you who have helped me. You are kind-hearted people and you are my benefactors. I will take this opportunity and work hard to become a successful person who will contribute to society and help those in need. I never dreamed that I would have such a good opportunity. I am very moved. It's like a heavy stone in my chest has been taken away and I have no worries. Now my goal is to work hard and to repay all those who've helped me along the way.

Sincerely yours,

Lin



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name GD 117	Zhiling
Year in School	10 (High School 1)
Date of Birth	10/10/1989
Annual Family Income	1,000 RMB = \$135
Favorite class	English
Favorite sport	Badmitton
Free time activities	Read English books
Summer holiday activities	worked in another city
Future goals	To be an English teacher





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Dear XXXXX,

Hello!

First of all, let me thank you!

Even though my family is poor, I didn't give up on my studies. I know that education can change our lives, so I will work hard and continue to study to change my life. When I was admitted to the best high school in the county, I was excited, because it was one step closer to success. I would have been very disappointed if I wasn't able to continue my education. When I received the scholarship, I was very grateful. Education can make me more cultured and it can liberate me. I will not be confined to the mountains; instead, I will leave the mountains and realize my dream. After I graduate and when I am ready, I will definitely do my best to help those in need.

If possible, I want to become a fashion designer.

Sincerely yours,

Min



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Moving Mountains Profile – Guangdong Province, China

Name	GD	118	Min
Year in School	10 (High School 1)		
Age	16		
Annual Family Income	3,000 RMB = \$405		
Favorite class	Physics		
Favorite sport	Badminton		
Free time activities	Painting		
Summer holiday activities	Helped out at home		
Future goals	Become a fashion designer		





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Dear XXXXX,

Thank you for giving me a hand, when I had some trouble continuing my education. I am very moved and I will work hard in the future.

A month ago, I came to my new school. It has a long history and it is very beautiful. But I didn't have enough money to pay for my education. I was afraid that I would lose my dream. In the end, with your help, I was very lucky to go to school.

Now, I have become a student at this school. Every morning, in order to get better grades, I get up early and stay up until midnight. Fortunately, I got your help. It made me find my confidence again. I will remember you forever.

At last, I want to say don't worry about my grades, I am trying my best to do well in every subject. I don't think you will be disappointed.

May god bless you.

Yours,
Xinghui



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Moving Mountains Profile – Yunnan Province, China

Name	YN #3	Song Xinghui (Emily)
Year in school		Grade 10
Age		Eighteen
Annual family income		3900 RMB = \$527
Favorite class		English and chemistry
Favorite sport		Skipping rope and gym
Free time activities		Sing and painting
Summer holiday activities		Farm work and household work
Future goals		To enter an university

