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Greetings,

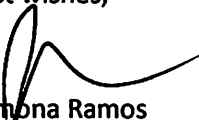
I am sending this letter in regards to the HACM Scholarship program. I am glad to report that I was recently awarded the Scholarship in 2017. Receiving the funds to assist in my educational goals is not only appreciated it is beneficial to my entire family. I am a working Latina mother of 4 sons. Continuing my own learning will in turn send a lifelong message to my children on the value of seeking education. Through education I have been able to support my family by obtaining better employment. Also in the same regard I have been able to service my community through work in non for profits and State Government. Proudly, servicing others is my passion and reason for returning to school in the Masters of Public Administration program at Upper Iowa University.

The path to where I am at has been difficult. I grew up in extreme poverty, a teenage mother and during a time in the city where it was plagued by gangs and violence. It would have been easy to lose hope and give up. I however believed there was a better life in store for my children and myself. Therefore, I worked with all my might to bring that into existence. My work is not complete and what I learned is that through education I was given options and opportunities. Education is the one thing that cannot be taken from you. I believe in the power of learning and know firsthand what it has done for me. It is more than better employment, education for me was a way to build self-worth and gratification.

I can only hope that these lessons and examples will take root in my children and one day their children. It all has to start somewhere and for me education has been an outlet that has broken cycles of misfortunes while creating a world of opportunity.

I again on behalf of my family and myself, thank you wholeheartedly for the financial assistance from the HACM scholarship.

Best wishes,



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