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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bellisario,

I am more than honored to be chosen for the Donald P. Bellisario Trustee Scholarship. Truly, with all my heart, I thank you for your generosity. Your kindness means the world to the school, my family, and me. It honestly could not have been a more perfect surprise.

Since I was young, I always had a passion for the arts. One of my fondest memories goes back to my 6th birthday where my aunt got me a coloring set. I consider it a defining moment in my life because it shaped who I would be. Later down the line, I taught myself how to draw and then after that, I taught myself how to draw with charcoal. It wasn't until high school where my passion for film and TV intensified. I felt like I would watch a show or a movie, and I would get so much out of it, especially more than my peers. My body would naturally analyze and appreciate the sound, the visuals, the narrative, and their relationship. Fast-forward to the present, I now spend my days editing and directing, as well as, occasionally drawing and producing music.

During high school, I was originally too afraid to even suggest a career in film to anyone. I had even initially enrolled in engineering. But after my first semester here, being far away from my home in South Florida, I learned a lot about myself. So regardless of the adversities ahead, I decided to pursue my dreams in filmmaking. Thanks to your recognition, I feel even more confident to keep pushing my limits, and the financial support will allow me to even better focus on those dreams... Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Bellisario.

Words cannot express how thankful I am for such an acknowledgment and generosity. I look forward to the possibility of meeting and personally thanking you one day. I would love to show you a work or two. My email address is jqt5377@psu.edu, feel free to reach out if you would like.

Again, thank you so much. It is truly a privilege to represent you and this award. I know that I will only look back at this very moment as I saw my aunt's gift at the age of 6- a life defining moment.

Sincerely,



Jason Torres