

**June 20, 2008**

**Attn: Used Truck Association**

**I would like to thank the Used Truck Association for their financial support in my educational endeavors. As a recent recipient of the UTA scholarship for the 2007-2008 school year, I was able to successfully finish my senior year at the University of Oregon. I graduated on June 13, 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in both Family and Human Services and Sociology. I was awarded cum laude honors by graduating at the top 10% of my class.**

**Before I began this four-year journey at the University of Oregon, receiving a college degree seemed unreachable and nearly impossible. I knew that obtaining the funds to attend college would be a challenge, but with the support from generous scholarships such as this one, my hope for earning a college degree became an achievable goal.**

**I have gained so many valuable experiences through my time spent at the University of Oregon. I was lucky to be a part of Alpha Phi Omega, a community service organization and Mortar Board, a national honor society. Both University sponsored organizations taught me the importance of fellowship, leadership, and community service. I completed three different internships at local non-profit agencies as part of my Family and Human Services major and gained valuable experience working with children and families. During my senior year, I interned at a non-profit agency called Womenspace, which serves victims of domestic abuse and their children. I created a curriculum and resource manual for the Womenspace Youth Program as a senior project, in the effort to strengthen the services provided to Womenspace's youth clientele and help ease the transition of new staff, volunteers, and interns working in the Youth Program.**

**Now that I have graduated from the University of Oregon, I plan on spending the next year working in Eugene, Oregon and preparing my applications for graduate school. I have gained a passion for working in the Human Services field and hope to pursue a Masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy to gain the tools and experience to better serve my community. I would like to follow a career as a child and family therapist, with a focus on helping individuals heal from the effects of domestic violence.**

**I have so much thankfulness in my heart for the support that the UTA has given me this last year. I could not be happier with the experiences I have gained from the University of Oregon and these unique experiences would not be possible without the foundations and organizations, such as yours, that strive to help young adults achieve their educational and career goals. Thank you, UTA,**

**for making a difference in my life and the lives of future UTA scholarship recipients.**

**Sincerely,  
Sarah Purvis**