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Mr. Jeffrey W. Brantner 1720 Zollinger Road, Second Floor Columbus, Ohio 43221



Dear Jeff:

I hope everything is well with you. We are going through a lot of changes here. Our Helen Keller/Ohio Lions Foundation Scholarship recipient, Ricky Ward, is continuing to make strides toward his graduate degree.

Next month, Mr. Ward will be entering the third year of his graduate program in Public Administration. His cumulative GPA is 3.22. He has limited financial resources, so the scholarship has been a tremendous benefit for him.

Mr. Ward's hard work and determination has resulted in impressive academic achievements. Despite being totally blind, he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in May of 2004 with majors in Urban Studies and Sociology. On an individual level, Mr. Ward is a highly personable man who exudes much enthusiasm and optimism. Because of his friendly nature, he is well liked throughout our campus. After he completes graduate school, I am quite sure that he will go on to success in his employment endeavors.

I hope to hear from you soon. Thanks again for all of your help.

Kindest regards,

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