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About Me

I am a nineteen-year-old sophomore at Anystate University, preparing for a career in education and school counseling. Anystate U is renowned for producing excellent educators. After my first year there, I had already accumulated more hours observing and assisting in actual classrooms than most teacher education students see in their entire four years of preparation. To meet program requirements, I've worked in a variety of schools ranging from small town to suburban to inner city. These opportunities come with a price, however, and a recent tuition hike compels me to seek additional financial assistance.

To date I have diligently pursued a number of avenues to supplement the financial support I receive from my family:

- I completed my high school coursework in seven semesters and spent my last semester working in a state-licensed daycare, earning money for college. I also provided childcare for regular clients and earned additional money typing papers for a local college student and caring for vacationing neighbors' houses and pets.
- I prepared for and took the ACT test three times to raise my score to qualify for a specific Anystate U scholarship.
- I earned a leadership scholarship and ensured its renewal by serving as a camp counselor, co-leader to my church youth group and chaperone to high school students attending a youth conference in New York. I currently supervise 28 girls on my dorm floor. I receive a stipend for this position, which I combine with my earnings as a member of the University's kitchen staff and apply to my schooling.
- I have maintained a 3.54 GPA, and continue to work hard at keeping my grades up to strengthen my qualification for scholarship awards.
- I have completed more than 40 scholarship applications, documenting and presenting my work, soliciting letters of recommendation, and writing essays on everything from immigration and township government to my own experiences with test-anxiety and volunteer work building homes with Habitat for Humanity.

Anticipated Expenses, Income & Need for the 2008-09 School Year

<u>State University Expenses</u>		<u>Income & Need</u>	
Tuition	\$18,532	Student Contribution (From savings and employment)	\$3,300
Room & Board (Dorm)	\$6,348	Additional Family Contribution	\$13,220
Student Activity Fee	\$140	Anticipated State U, American Legion, Rotary Club and Future Teachers of America Scholarships	\$5,000
Books (estimate)	\$500	(Current Need)	\$4,000
Total	\$25,520	Total	\$25,520