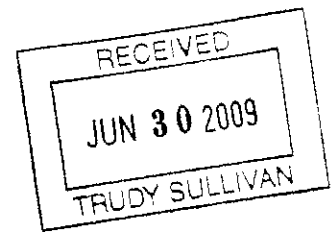


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Ms. Trudy Sullivan  
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Dear Ms. Sullivan,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for receiving a \$2,000.00 Arnold Zetcher Scholarship Fund award. Financially, times have been hard on my family, as well as many other families with children in college, so every little bit helps. With this award, I will be able to continue school with less personal financial burden, and a greater feeling of peace in my financial stability. My dream has always been to start my own interior decorating business, and with the aid of awards like this I hope to graduate with the skills to pursue my goal. Thanks again for all you have done, it has really made a tremendous difference in my future.

Sincerely,  
Megan Lindsey Ross