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Honolulu, Hawaii.

8th February, 1961.

Mr. Gordon Hagberg,  
Director,  
The African American Institute,  
Dupont Circle Building - Suite 505,  
1346 Connecticut Avenue,  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hagberg,

This is to thank the Institute for the \$500 which I have received for this second semester and \$500 for last semester. The Assistance that I have gotten from you has made me so happy that I cannot express my thanks correctly by words. However, my appreciation will always be shown to you through a sound scholastic achievement.

The transcript for this semester is being sent to you by the University, and I hope before long you will be in possession of it. So far as the semester's grade record shows, I carried 21 credit hours. That is seven courses of which I got A's in five of the subjects and B's in two of the subjects. That gave me a grade point ratio of 3.7 out of a possible four points. I know I could have done better, but I was not able to. I, however, hope to do better this second semester. I will be carrying 24 credit hours and shall hope to see how things go.

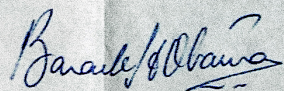
Also, on the 12th of January I was one of 35 students of the University here who were awarded honour certificates for sound scholastic achievement for the year by the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honour societies.

The period to apply for a scholarship for next year is growing near. As I would like to be a candidate for the scholarship again, I shall be most obliged if you would kindly send me the application forms before the month is over so that I may be able to return it duly completed before closing date. As it stands, I do not have any source from which I can get financial assistance except from you, and that is why I would not like to miss this opportunity to apply for it.

Once again I thank you very much for the assistance I have gotten from you and hope to show my appreciation further through sound work, thus making your effort worthwhile.

Awaiting your reply at the earliest convenience, together with the forms, I remain, Sir.

Yours very sincerely,

  
Barack H. Obama.