Dear Professional Staff Caucus,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to your organization for choosing me as a recipient of the Professional Staff Caucus Scholarship! I have faced financial hardships which have made it difficult to pay for my last semester of school, and this scholarship will help me greatly. Once I received the good news, I was extremely thrilled and immediately called my mother to celebrate.

I am currently a graduate student in the Adult Education program with an anticipated graduation date of August 2023. I chose to attend Buffalo State because of the flexibility they provide online students who work full time as well as their mission to empower their students to succeed. Post-graduation, I hope to better advocate and instruct underserved students as well as students with disabilities in higher learning settings. I want to be able to help students to succeed with the tools, skills and strategies I have learned within my time at Buffalo State. Professionalism and the need to be involved in my community are very important factors to me on this journey.

I have had a difficult time throughout my educational journey and was anticipating that I would need to take another gap year due to lack of a tuition payment. Your consideration has motivated me to keep pushing until the end despite any obstacles that may arise.

Thank you so much for your financial assistance.

Sincerely,

Shamonique Thompson

