January 30, 2015

Ricardo R. Fernandez  
President  
Lehman College  
250 Bedford Park Blvd. West  
Bronx, NY 10468

Dear President Fernandez,

There is a great public benefit in attracting dedicated students to careers as math and science teachers. A recent study released by the Program for International Student Assessment ranked our nation 21st out of 30 in scientific literacy (just above the Slovak Republic), and 25th in math literacy (between Spain and Portugal). Well-prepared and committed teachers are the key to reversing this trend. The Rickel Foundation is seeking to identify qualified students interested in becoming math or science teachers and will award scholarships of up to $4,000 per student annually. We are currently aiming to award approximately 25 scholarships in the New York City area for the fall 2015 semester and the deadline for applying is May 1, 2015.

I am writing to ask your help in routing the enclosed application information to the appropriate person or department at your school. I would also appreciate any publicity you can engender in the college newspaper or website to make the availability of these STEM teaching scholarships known. Application materials for the scholarships are included and can be found on my website.

Sincerely,

Annette Rickel  
Dr. Annette Urso Rickel  
President

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Scholarship Application

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ___________ State ___________ Zip _______
Phone ___________ Email ____________________________
Social Security # ___________ Are you a U.S. Citizen?

High School Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ___________ State ___________ Zip _______
Phone ___________ Graduation Date ___________ GPA _______

College Attending/Planning to Attend ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ___________ State ___________ Zip _______
Major____________________ Minor____________________
Student ID# ____________________________

Describe Your Extracurricular Activities:
School related clubs and athletic activities ____________________________
Awards and achievements ____________________________
Community volunteer work ____________________________
Employment ____________________________
Hobbies ____________________________

Financial Information
Family income for Prior Calendar Year $ ____________________________

Additional information required:
_ A copy of your college acceptance letter.
_ A copy of your family’s latest Form 1040 federal income tax return.
_ An official college transcript.
_ Two letters of recommendation from Teachers to be mailed separately by them on the accompanying form.
_ A 250-word essay on “Why I Want To Become a Public School Teacher.”

Mail all materials by May 1, 2015 to:
Dr. Annette U. Rickel, President
The Rickel Foundation
700 Park Ave., Suite 2A
New York, NY 10021
Annette Urso Rickel Foundation, Inc.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please return to:
Dr. Annette U. Rickel, President
The Rickel Foundation
700 Park Ave., Suite 2A
New York, NY 10021

Name of Applicant: ________________________________

We would appreciate your evaluation of the individual named above as a candidate for a scholarship. We would like your assessment of the student’s interest in teaching, academic performance, writing ability, and oral communication skills. We would also like to know if, in your opinion, the candidate possesses those personal characteristics that make a good teacher. Please keep in mind that recommendations must be received by May 1, 2015 or the application will be considered incomplete.

Name __________________________ Print __________________________ Signature __________________________

Position __________________________

Relationship to Applicant __________________________ Date __________________________