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Committee on Scholarships,

What an incredible honor and blessing it is to be chosen to receive a ACEC California Scholarship! When I first read the e-mail saying that I had been chosen to receive the top scholarship, I sat there stunned for a few minutes. I told myself, "Surely there must be a typo somewhere. Seven thousand dollars? I'm sure it's only seven hundred." I closed the e-mail and reopened it, but the numbers were still there. I closed the entire browser and tried reopening the e-mail and still the numbers appeared. At last the reality of what I was reading settled on me and I was fairly skipping with joy! I grinned down the hallway and then burst into tears of thankfulness. I don't think I stopped smiling for a good hour.

I can't tell you how much it means to me to be chosen for this award. Many college students are blessed with meals from family and well wishes from friends and those are all very special. But the biggest gift is in the form of scholarships. I often think of how donors and committees give thousands of dollars to students they know only through a short essay and resume and it blows my mind to think of their generosity. How often I wish that I could tell them just how much it means. And here I have been given just such an opportunity. Thank you for your incredible gift to me! You have given me an opportunity that I assure you I will take and you have made an investment in my life that I trust will yield much fruit in the years to come. Not only that, you have given me a double honor by choosing me to be the top scholarship recipient. I am both humbled and thankful at your decision. Your kindness will enable me to press forward in my studies with strengthened resolve and devote myself to truly and fully learning the material. You have given me a chance that few are blessed to have and even now I cannot fully express how grateful I am.

Thank you again for your incredible generosity!

Sincerely,



Corey Walker