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Dear MOAA Middle Tennessee Chapter #3

My name is Thomas Christopher Brown. I would like to thank you so much for your assistance. I am a senior at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. I graduated from high school in 2007 from Dickson County High School in Dickson, Tennessee. This is a small town just west of Nashville.

I appreciate so much the financial assistance provided by MOAA since my sophomore year at ETSU. My time at school has been an enlightening experience. I have been able to absorb information and explore academic options that I was not even aware of during my time in high school. Many of the diverse experiences I have had would not have been possible without assistance from MOAA. The \$500.00 grant provided by Middle Tennessee Chapter #3 has also been well used. Thank you for considering me worthy of your support.

I am an Honors Biology student. This means that in addition to the rigorous course work that is involved in completing a biology degree at ETSU, I also must compose and publish an original thesis and participate in work done in a research lab at the university. All of these things are time consuming and labor intensive. Had it not been for the support from MOAA I might not have been able to participate in this exciting program at ETSU. I also study Bluegrass music at the university, a program unique to ETSU. This is a unique and rare experience I would not have been able to participate in at other universities or under more strained conditions.

I am in my final year of undergraduate studies. I feel like my preparation at college will make me a more valuable member of the work force in my community in Dickson. My ultimate goal is to become a practicing physician. This is an extremely rigorous course of study in preparation alone, but I feel I have received the necessary foundation to pursue this field. Again thank your chapter for the \$500.00 grant.

Your contribution has been more than valuable in my work towards this goal.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Christopher Brown