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To whom it may concern:

Coming to Brigham Young University has been one of the best decisions I've ever made. It has given me so many opportunities that I am deeply grateful for. One great opportunity available for students at BYU is to participate in study abroad programs. I am a senior in Food Science here at BYU and this study abroad program will be a great culminating experience to finish off my college career. From the first day I learned of these programs I desperately wanted to attend one. More research allowed me to find one that suits and excites me.

I have been accepted to the Recreation Management and Youth Leadership study abroad program in New Zealand. The program begins January 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 and ends April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008. After our program is over we have the opportunity to then travel to Australia and Fiji. Everyday I have to pinch myself to make sure this is really happening. I am so excited about this upcoming adventure, but what always pulls me back into reality is the financial cost of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

I have been preparing for this event for some time and I have most of the program cost completely covered, but there are several other items that are not included with the program. Some of these things include my plane ticket, meals on excursions, and housing while in Australia and Fiji. I have worked hard to earn the majority of the costs and I would rather not take out a student loan to cover the rest, if at all possible. This is where you come in. I would like to sincerely and gratefully ask for your help and participation in this experience. Any amount will help and be greatly appreciated, but just as a guideline I am asking for anything from \$20 to \$100.

I am so grateful to have such friends and family who I feel comfortable asking for help. I am so excited about this program and I know I will learn so much from it. Thank you for your time, have a wonderful week.

With Love,

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