

Award Year 2012-2013

September 9, 2012

Dear Mr. Marc Neufcourt & the Scholarship Committee,

I am very thankful and proud to receive the Rees Scholarship. Your generous award is of great help in more ways than I can express. It will not only help me financially but also support and enable me to devote more time to my studies and complete my coursework in a timely manner. Above all, you have enhanced my self-confidence and raised my hopes manifold. Being an unconventional student, I could not have asked for more.

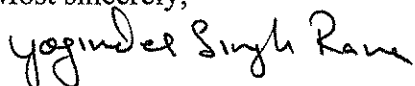
This is my second-chance at school after a hiatus of 20 years. After dropping out of school in India, where I was born and raised in a farming family, I ran an auto air-conditioning repair shop for many years but soon realized that I needed a degree to be able to move to the next level. I came to the United States in November 2009 and enrolled in a one-year Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR) course at College of the Sequoias (COS) in Visalia, California. While studying at COS, I did some intensive research and found out that I could get a Bachelor of Science degree in HVACR Engineering Technology from Ferris State University (FSU) in Michigan, so I started preparing.

I am glad to inform you that I have secured admission in the HVACR Program at FSU and am presently attending classes here. FSU is one of the only two universities in the United States which offers a Bachelor of Science degree in HVACR Engineering Technology, and it has been my dream to learn at this university. I applied to FSU knowing that this route would be very demanding and challenging, especially financially, since my limited resources are the biggest hurdle in attaining my educational goals. With such support as yours, I have succeeded in coming this far in my educational pursuit.

You will also be happy to know that my GPA has gone up to 3.95 as a result of straight A's in all subjects this spring 2012 semester. I will continue to work hard in the future and do my absolute best to live up to your expectations.

I am truly grateful for your generous scholarship award. I assure you that I will use the scholarship award money in the most wise and prudent way.

Most sincerely,


Yoginder Singh Rana