

Dear Mr. Kwok,

I am really glad for being chosen as a recipient to your scholarship! I will promise that this award will be used for the valuable education that I will put forth at CSULB. I would just like to THANK YOU AGAIN for this amazing opportunity! & I will make sure that once I get back from vacation, AFTER AUGUST 11TH, that I will come by to pick up the check.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

Sincerely,

Riza Tandoc

Dear Mr. Kwok,

My name is Scott Solomon. A little while ago I found out that I was selected to be a \$2000 recipient of The Give and Grow Foundation Scholarship, but unfortunately, I never had the privilege of meeting with you to say in person how truly grateful I am of this. I did, however, get to meet Francisco Giron, and like I told him, this money will undoubtedly go to good use to help with my education. I am so fortunate to have been awarded this and am truly honored. Thank you so much for what you have done for me and for every other recipient of this scholarship.

Most sincerely,

Scott Solomon

Give & Grow Foundation,

It is with my greatest appreciation to thank you all for awarding me the grand prize scholarship of \$5,000. Never in my dreams would I think to be honored with such a great award.

One day when my dad came home from work he handed me the application for this scholarship and reminded me every day to fill it out. I pondered on this application the longest because I put the most effort and time into the essay questions than I did on any other scholarship I filled out this past year. Many of my friends' parents work at C&D Zodiac and they too filled out the application. I felt as though my chances of winning were limited due to the fact there is a myriad of bright and intelligent people out there applying. However, I did not let this become a factor of whether or not I was going to fill out the application.

Two months went by after I sent in my finished product, and my friends kept telling me they received emails stating they didn't receive the scholarship. Every day I checked my email and I did not receive anything. I was confused and thought, "maybe I put the wrong address," or "maybe I spelled my name wrong." I believed there was no way I could win the award if my friends didn't.

When I checked my financial aid for my college I was beginning to reconsider my attendance at The University of California at Irvine because I didn't receive any help from the government. I checked my email after looking at my financial aid file I received an email stating "Congratulations!" I was in awe. I opened the attached file and I read I had won, I almost fainted. My dad had just got home on his lunch break and I began screaming to him and he came running because he thought I got hurt, but in fact I was screaming from excitement. This was truly the happiest day of my life. Just when the economy isn't at its finest and I am thinking about not going to college, the generosity of the Give & Grow Foundation saved the day. It may sound like a cliché, but it is true.

I will forever be grateful for this gift and I hope to give back by helping others in the future as you all have helped me. I will "Give back by helping others, and grow by realizing [my] potential" Thank you all again, it's a dream come true.

With Love,  
Alexandra Floyd