



Thank You Letter and Picture

If you have accepted a scholarship, grant and/or tuition discount offer (not applicable to loans) you will be required to submit a thank you letter and picture to the Financial Aid Office. Your funds cannot be disbursed to your student account until this requirement is fulfilled.

Submission of this thank you letter and picture is required each academic year that a scholarship offer is accepted.

Content Requirements

Letter

The letter should be about 1 page in length (1/2 page minimum, 2 pages maximum). Please address the letter, "Dear Friend of Denver Seminary," and include the following content in the body of the letter:

- Say thank you.
- List your name, degree, year in school, and the name of the award you are receiving.*
- Tell the donor about yourself. Try to include details about your family, current ministry involvement, other areas of interest, etc.
- Describe where you feel God is leading you upon graduation. Please note, even if you are a 2nd or 3rd year recipient, donors would like to hear currently where God is leading you. Repeat letters are unacceptable.
- Describe how you anticipate your degree will assist you in your post-graduation plans.
- If your accompanying picture contains more people than just yourself, include a description of yourself so that the donor can identify you on the picture.

** To review the details of your award(s), please view your student account on [MyDenSem](#). Your award(s) will be listed on your [Award Letter](#), which is located on the "MyDenSem"*

Picture

Please submit an electronic photo of yourself and, if desired, immediate family members. It is preferred that this picture is placed somewhere in the content of the letter. Please keep in mind that our donors may see this picture, so please choose wisely. If the photo contains people other than just yourself, include a description within the body of the letter so that the donor can identify you.

Submission Procedures

Submit your proofread letter (in a PDF format) and photo through the 'Upload Document' wizard in the student portal's Document Center.



Your letter and picture will be reviewed and evaluated by both the Financial Aid Office and the Advancement Department, any minor grammatical edits that are necessary will be made and then will be given to the donor(s) of your award. Our generous donors greatly appreciate being able to "get to know" the students who benefit from their gifts through these letters and pictures.

Note: You may be required to re-write the letter or submit a new photo if any of the content requirements listed above are missing.

Deadline

The submission deadline is typically 3 weeks before the start of the semester (specific up-to-date deadlines are posted on the [Important Dates](#) page). The specific deadline will be communicated to each student via email after the award has been made, at least 1 week prior to the actual deadline.

If your thank you letter and picture are not submitted by the deadline you will become ineligible to receive the award. The award will then be withdrawn from your student account and you will no longer be financially cleared for that amount.

Donor Event

Recipients of institutional aid may be invited to attend an event with scholarship donors during the upcoming academic year. If applicable, details will follow via email and invitees will be required to attend.

Students may not contact donors directly to request funds. All donor communication must be filtered through the Advancement Department, which will be authorized to obtain student information necessary to facilitate donor communication.

Application Process Complete?

There are no further application steps required to obtain your grant/scholarship/discount once the following steps have all been completed:

- Awards have been accepted through the online [Award Letter](#).
- Thank you letter and picture submitted.

Once all these steps are complete your award(s) will appear on your student account as "pending aid." You are financially cleared for all pending aid. Awards will be actually disbursed to your account no earlier than the drop/add deadline (2 weeks after the start of the semester) to ensure an adequate amount of registered credits. Refund checks are mailed from the business office the Friday after a credit balance has been created.