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This letter is considered "great" because it clearly outlines the student and family's financial situation and some detail on how the student is planning to pay for college (key details are highlighted). The letter is well-written and formatted correctly.

To whom this may concern,

I'm currently a senior at [REDACTED] School in [REDACTED], Nevada. I intend to enroll at [REDACTED] in the fall of 2023 as a freshman. At the moment the financial burden associated with obtaining a higher education is one I will carry on my own.

My parents separated when I was two years old. For a time my parents were able to co-parent, but that all changed when my mom and I moved to Mexico in 2019. After about two years, our living situation became unstable and I moved back to Las Vegas with my father in September 2021. Shortly after, my mother experienced a mental health crisis and lost everything she had worked for including the business she owned. Eventually, we moved back to Las Vegas, but due to her mental health I decided to stay with my father, his wife and my new brother. We were all unprepared when my father was diagnosed with cancer. When he was diagnosed, my father was already immobile and bed-bound. He passed away after a battle with cancer in February of 2022 at the age of forty-one.

Due to the sudden loss of my father, he had no time to write a will or prepare a trust. My father had been saving money aside for years to help me pay for my college tuition. Despite this, my step mother has refused to have contact with me and to this day has refused to honor my college savings fund. As a result, I have lost the support from both my father and my mother. Currently, I am living with my grandparents. I have a part-time job as a [REDACTED] where I have been working since April of 2022.

It has been a rough couple of years, but I refuse to let my struggles hold me back from any future opportunities. I have been saving more than half of my paychecks in order to save up for college. I plan on majoring in business and intend on pursuing a dual-degree program. This will lead me to a career in [REDACTED]

My dream is to establish a construction company and provide them to the community. Receiving a scholarship would be a tremendous help in achieving this opportunity.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

This financial need letter is considered "good" because it outlines the student's need for financial assistance to pay for college (key points are highlighted), but could use some additional detail around any other support the student may receive or the estimated cost of their college attendance.

Financial Need Letter

My mom is a single mom that is trying to help my sister pay for college and trying to help me as well, however most of the money that I am unable to cover with financial aid or scholarships will need to be paid back using my own money. All of this money that I am not able to get covered will force me to take out loans and be left with debt. I will have to work extremely hard through college even with the already incredibly large college load. I will not be able to succeed the same way through college that I would like to. If I was able to get this scholarship I could focus solely on school and be extremely successful academically.