

Dear XXX & XXX,

As promised, I am writing to ask for your support of our XCollege Together Scholarship.

Our aim is to provide an XCollege Together scholarship to all students.

Higher education has suffered due to the pandemic; small colleges in particular are vulnerable due to tuition-dependency and enrollment declines. XCollege gives more than 95% aid as many of our students are first generation and are in need of our continued support along with many other of our students.

After a great deal of research and analysis by our Center for Student Success and Business Office, we determined that a \$2,000 award to students that will help cover tuition expenses as well as some funds to address food security and transportation needs, will make a substantial impact and increase the likelihood that students will return to XCollege in the fall and finish their education. Students who take a so-called "Gap Year" are far less likely to ever obtain a college degree, which is especially concerning given our large population of first generation college students.

The College administration determined that in order to fund the XCollege Together grant, we will need to raise \$7 Million. We have a donor who has committed \$2 Million, and another who has pledged a \$250,000 matching gift. May I ask if you would consider a gift of \$5000 (with the match from XXX, would be \$10,000) toward the XCollege Together Scholarship. Whatever amount you decide on, please know your support means a great deal to XCollege students and faculty. You have been very generous to XCollege and we are most grateful to you.

I look forward to the next time you are able to return to NYC and we can have dinner and attend a show that your "Son" is performing in!

Thank you both in advance for your consideration and know I would have preferred asking you in person.

All the best,

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