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Dear Mr. Eader & Members of the Selection Committee:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated July 20th, congratulating me for being the recipient of your annual *Matthew Shepard Scholarship*. I am humbled to know that my work in Southern Arizona is valued by such a giving foundation.

History has taught us that when polices are affecting our well-being, it is **people** and **awareness** that change the tide. With your help, I am attending the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University, where I hope to do just that--- advance equality and tolerance by keeping the public informed.

Also guiding me along the way is the memory of Matthew Shepard. I think he'd be content to see the progress the GLBT community has made since his tragic death. While there is still much work to be done, we will prevail, and his legacy will be present in all that I do.

Thank you for allowing me to pursue my education and advocacy barrier-free.

Warmly,



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c: Equality Arizona
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