Dear Mr. Tanning,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Tamming Scholarship award. Ironically, considering part of the award revolves around oratory skills, it's difficult for me to find a way to express how happy and thankful I am that I was selected to receive your scholarship—it really is an honour. On that note, I'd like to apologize for not thanking you sooner. I've been away at school and didn't become aware that I had received your scholarship until about a week ago when the school e-mailed me telling me I had received an award and should probably come pick it up (it was definitely a pleasant surprise, but it left me feeling bad that I hadn't known sooner so I could thank you properly).

Currently I'm attending Brock University to study Speech and Language Sciences with a hope of attending graduate school and becoming a speech pathologist. I'm aware that I've still got a long way to go and a lot to learn before that can happen. Your award has helped me get closer by relieving some of the financial burden so that I can focus more efforts on my studies. Once again, I can't thank you enough and I hope that, in the future, I'll be able to return the favour to the next generation of students. It's reminded me of my goals to be able to use the things I've learned not only in my profession, but also to have a positive impact on the world in general.

Sincerely,