

Dear Ms. Graham

I am writing this letter to thank you for your incredibly generous support. Through the Olga Leichter Graham Mother's Day scholarship, you have truly made my college experience so much easier and have helped my family and me more than you can possibly imagine. I will forever be grateful to you for your assistance.

I started my education at Hunter College in the fall of 1993, but because of wrong choices I made over the years, I have yet to earn my degree. As a result of this. It has been impossible for me to find a good-paying job. I now have two children and am an unemployed single mother, living way below the poverty line. My only source of income is public assistance. As I sit here looking at my children, I wish I could be doing more for them. I need and want to be a better provider for my kids. They deserve so much more than what I am able to give them now.

My son will be graduating from high school in two years. How do I persuade him to go to college if I was unable to finish? I want to see a better example for them, give them a better life, and hopefully send them to college when the time comes. When I first attended Hunter. I received sufficient financial aid to assist me in paying for my education. However, that assistance is now not enough as I have more responsibilities. Being a single mother, my children depend on me for everything and do not always understand when they cannot have the things they need. It has definitely been a struggle for us. This scholarship could not have come at a better time- right before Christmas.

I have tried relentlessly to succeed academically here at Hunter and I have even made the Dean's List on more than one occasion. In addition to school. I have done community service in my community church by teaching classes to children. I also helped organize several clothing/ food drives to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

I will forever be grateful for the help you have given me in completing my college education, an I greatly appreciate having your support. Thank you!

L.M., 2015 Olga Graham Scholar