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Dear Mr. Sipe,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to the 2012 Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association's scholarship committee for awarding me a \$500.00 scholarship. I am truly honored and blessed to have a family connection to an organization that is concerned with financially supporting higher education. As Charles D. Killian stated, "...I believe it is our duty and privilege to carry on out of respect for them and for the benefit of future generations." Although this quote speaks to continuing the research and memory of the Killian ancestry line, the Killian Association is supporting much more than ancestry information. Through financial scholarships, the AKDHA is not only contributing to our ancestor's wish for the preservation of Killian family history, but aiding in descendants higher education, an undertaking worthy of admiration and acknowledgement. As a history major at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, I am now more aware of my family background's influence and dedication to education, and wish to learn more about our forefathers and the organization that preserves our memory. I am honored to have descended from such a family, and I am grateful to be recognized and chosen to receive an AKDHA scholarship this year. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this year's Killian reunion, and thank you all for bestowing me with an AKDHA scholarship.

With sincerest thanks,

Taylor Deese