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Dear Michele:

I have recently returned from a visit to Guam, where I participated in a conference for the National State Teachers of the Year and a post-conference educational tour of Taiwan. I just thought maybe you might like to know that it was the best conference I have ever attended! Wow! I am so glad I went. Not only did I get to share effective teaching strategies with Guam's teachers in a workshop, but I also learned a great deal about their educational system as well. (My sister teaches first grade in Guam, so I had a private tour of her school that the other State teachers missed.) The trip to Taiwan included a visit to one of the universities that specializes in preparing teachers, and that was an eye-opener, too. I love these international exchanges of ideas; they certainly broaden my world view.

Words seem very inadequate to express my appreciation for the \$1500 scholarship I received to help with my expenses, but thank you. Thank you very much. Please extend to the rest of the committee my thanks. I hope this scholarship becomes a tradition.

Sincerely,

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