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Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach:

I, Daniel E. Talan, desire very much to attend the University of Kansas. This June, I am graduating from Wilson Jr. College, Chicago, and I am attempting to get located for the following years of my college education. I doubt very much whether I could attend your school without the aid of a scholarship or school employment. I do believe, however, that if scholarships or financial aid are given to worthy and needy students, I could prove myself worthy of such aid,---my high school and junior college records will verify this statement.

Perhaps you are wondering why I have chosen to write you. Well, Coach, I am a basketball player, and I thought that this would be of more interest to you than to the school's scholarship committee. At Englewood High School, Chicago, I played 4 years of high school basketball,---captain of the team in my junior and senior years. In 1936, I was awarded Honorable Mention on the Illinois All-State Basketball Team, and I was also chosen on the All-City of Chicago Basketball team during the same year. During this year I led the entire Chicago High School League in individual scoring with an average of 17 points per game. I have done equally as well in college. I have also played on the baseball team in high school.

Most important is my scholastic average. In high school, I was the Class Valedictorian (ranking No. 1 in a graduating class of 330 students). In junior college, I have held a better than "B plus" average thus far. I was also Senior Class President, a member of the National Honor and the National Athletic Honor Societies, and voted by the class as "the most likely to succeed".

Upon graduation, I received scholarships to Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill., and to Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. Last year I was awarded a legislative scholarship to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. I was also given an offer by an alumnus of Dartmouth College to attend their school. However, I was unable to take advantage of these offers because of financial conditions at home, but this year I have made it absolutely possible to attend a college away from home.

I would be very proud to be a member of the University of Kansas student body. It is beyond my financial means, but I thought that there would be no harm in finding out whether or not something can be done for one who would do all he could to be a member of the University of Kansas.

If anything can be done for me in the way of scholarship or school employment, I wish that you would inform me as soon as possible, for I am very anxious to make plans for next fall. Hoping that you will do all that you possibly can in this matter, I remain-----

Gratefully yours,

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