

Kinsley, Kansas,  
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Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear Mr. Allen,

I just received your letters and copy of letter sent to Miss Katherine Mann. I appreciate your directness in this matter.

On January 7, I received word from Miss Mann informing me that the amount asked for had been granted. But before this reply came to me, I had planned to refuse the offer. I have not been able to carry out any of my plans that would make returning to school the joy and opportunity it would necessarily have to be for me if I were to produce work and have the interest and whole-hearted enthusiasm that I must produce in order to finish on schedule and with the full recommendation of my superiors which is so absolutely essential to getting a job.

My disappointment is too keen to mention just now nor can I blame you for feeling as you do. Certainly you have every right to completely distrust me and I regret that very much. Although my friends and acquaintances here who made the loan possible knew nothing of the accounts I have at Lawrence, I gave them a figure representing the total of my indebtedness and my solemn promise that unless this sum was erased, I would not consider going ahead and trying to re-enter school.

Though I laid my plans carefully and budgeted every penny of my small monthly income so that I could clear everything, I could not foresee that my brother and his wife and baby would be thrown out of work and would so irresponsibly as to come home to mother and myself for support. Had there been any way out, I would have rebelled, but duty compelled me to do the only white thing for the sake of my mother and their tiny baby. Also my father whose mind has been crippled by long physical illness, suddenly decided to leave right after I made application for the loan. He draws a pension for unemployed unemployable veterans to the amount of \$30.00 a month. This of course isn't much but would have meant everything to me. If I could only have had the last three months checks free as planned all of my problems would have been solved, but things have turned out badly. I am sorry to have troubled you and thank you again for your kindness.

Respectfully,

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