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Mrs. Lloyd Tucker, Sr.
Winfield, Kansas

My dear Mrs. Tucker:

Dr. Forrest C. Allen spoke to me the other day during one of our golf games of the fine musical talent that your son Gerald possesses and the splendid honors that have come to him already. May I congratulate you and also Gerald on the recognition that has come to him so far in music. He seems to be a very talented boy.

I am writing to say in the most friendly way possible we shall be so happy to have you both investigate the unusual opportunities and the splendid faculty that are available here at the State University for advanced study in music, and we hope that Gerald may be enrolled with us this coming year. I can say with little fear of contradiction that we have here a faculty in music, second to none in the middle west, of highly paid thoroughly equipped talented artist teachers for the most part that will be glad to give Gerald the most sympathetic attention that it is in their power to give. Some of us spent many years in Europe, some twenty-five or thirty years ago, mainly with the idea of surrounding ourselves with as much good music and hearing as much of the finer things in music as we possibly could.

The enclosed card will give you just a sample of the large list of internationally known artists that are brought here to the campus every year, to say nothing of the annual Music Festival, the summer session Music Camp, the many faculty and student recitals, All-Musical Vespers, and other concerts that are available to our students. The activity ticket which Gerald would have, would admit him to these great concerts without further cost. I know of no school in this section of the country where that is possible on the scale that it is carried out here at the State University.

The fees are amazingly low, so much lower in fact than the same type of instruction would cost him in any of the smaller schools that I believe you will find it worthy of your careful consideration. The state itself pays a large portion of the cost of tuition so that we have found it in many cases to be a fact that where some of the smaller schools offered what they called so-called scholarships, even when a student accepted this scholarship the fees ran higher than they would here at the State University without a scholarship. In fact, every Kansas student coming to the University of Kansas is a recipient in a sense of a scholarship because of the assistance that the state is giving him.