

Dear Mr. Iliadis and Scholarship Committee,

I am sincerely grateful to have been selected as one of the recipients of the Hellenic Federation Scholarship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity, and express my appreciation for the financial support that will allow me to further my education.

I am majoring in linguistics which will allow me to pursue a career as an ESL teacher. I was motivated to choose this profession because of my unique school experience. I moved to the United States when I was nine years old as an ESL student. I can empathize with the challenges of ESL students, and the difficulty coming to a new country with cultural differences. I would like to become a role model for my students through my own background. As I continue my studies at Montclair State University, I would like acquire the skills to become proficient as a future ESL teacher.

Thank you again for your generosity and support, and I hope one day to also give back to the community.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena Nicolaidou