

To: The SAVE Fund

I am sending this letter to extend my sincere appreciation for the scholarship I have received on behalf of the SAVE Fund.

My name is William A. Pietila Jr. I am a 45-year-old married father of three and grandfather to my two and half year-old grandson, who also lives with me and my wife. I served 23 years in the US Army and did three tours overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. I came back after my last tour intending to retire and found out I had stage 2 cancer caused from environmental exposure from my times overseas. I am currently in my fourth year of remission and feel that I have "beat" this cancer. My goal after retiring is to obtain my bachelor's degree in Computer Information Technology. I am in my third year of college and expect to graduate with my degree next fall.

I sincerely appreciate this assistance and assure you I will benefit greatly from this scholarship. It has allowed me to obtain the proper computer equipment and software I need as I go on to complete my bachelor's program. Again, I extend my deepest gratitude for this gift.

Thank You

William A Pietila Jr.