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Melissa Markey
University of Maine Student Financial Aid
5781 Wingate Hall
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Dear Ms. Markey,

I'm excited about my recent acceptance to the University of Maine. As an independent student, I've worked very hard throughout high school to earn high grades and have applied for several scholarships through the state of Maine and local organizations. Despite receiving \$2,300 in scholarship awards and working as a part-time tutor, I'm still unable to cover my tuition costs this fall. I've also asked my uncle for additional financial help, but he can't provide it at this time.

Is it possible to review my financial aid eligibility to see if I qualify for additional funding? I'm working on saving up, but I estimate my shortfall will be around \$3,000 for the coming year. I would be very grateful for your help.

Thank you for your consideration,
Thomas Billings