Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to [apply for the position, collaborate on the project, etc.]. While I was disappointed to learn that I was not selected, I truly appreciate the time and consideration you and your team extended to me during the process.

I hold great respect for [Company's Name/Recipient's Work], and I would like to stay connected as I value the professionalism and insights you provide in your field. I believe there is much I can learn from our continued relationship.

If possible, I would love to stay updated on your work and any future opportunities that may arise. Thank you once again for your time, and I hope to keep in touch.

Warm regards,

[Your Name][Your Contact Information][Your LinkedIn Profile (optional)]