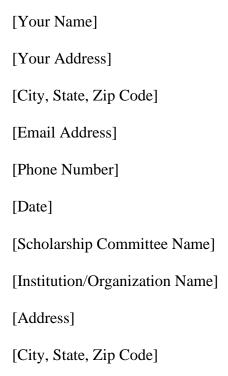
## **Merit Scholarship Application**



## Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to apply for the [Name of Scholarship] as a first-generation college student eager to pursue higher education at [University/College Name]. My background and experiences have shaped my ambition, and I believe that receiving this scholarship will help me achieve my educational goals.

As the first in my family to attend college, I have faced unique challenges that have taught me resilience and determination. I graduated from [High School Name] with a GPA of [Your GPA], while balancing [work, volunteer activities, or other responsibilities]. My passion for [Your Intended Major] drives my commitment to excel academically and contribute positively to my community.

Receiving this scholarship would not only assist me financially but also validate my efforts as a first-generation student. It would enable me to focus on my studies without the burden of financial stress and allow me to participate in extracurricular activities, further enhancing my college experience.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to [University/College Name] and to make a difference in the lives of others as I pursue my education.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]