Dear Professor Pierce,

How are you?

First of all, with this letter, I want you to know my thankfulness and respect. Thank you for the help you provided during my hard time. Your donation has helped a lot for my future and study. That's why I'm here telling you my appreciation in this letter.

You are a kindhearted person who can provide love to a student you barely know. But I'm only an ordinary student living in the countryside that no one would notice. I'm 11 years old now but dad is already 55. My mom has some neurologic problem which makes her seem silly every day. She can't even cook for the family nor take care of herself. My family live by a mountain. In some seasons of a year, my dad would go to the mountain to do farm work and come back home to cook lunch and do other housework like laundry. Our income of the year would come from the farm products from the mountain. But it's dangerous to work there. Every fall there would be people getting hurt or even losing their lives for the harvest of pecan. So it was really hard for my father to support the family and the cost of my school. And my grandma is in her eighties with a weakening body. In a sentence coming from old Chinese literature is that there aren't any close relative we can rely on. That's why your support was so important to us.

Starting from the second half of this year, I'm in fifth grade. During the last academic year, my grades were acceptable, mostly between 80s to 90s. My English is always above 90 but I won't feel too proud. Because I know being modest makes people go forward. In the coming semester, I will work harder and pay more attention. I will make my future wide and bright to match the expectation from my family, my teachers and you.

In the end, I sincerely wish you well with your life, work and family.

Wish you all the best with your life.

Best,

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