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Mike Gilroy
Chairman NWSA Scholarship Committee
743 Dry Creek Drive
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Dear Mr. Gilroy:

As the freshman recipient of the 2022 AMS Naval Weather Service Association Undergraduate Scholarship, I would like to thank you and all of the members of the NWSA for this generous award. I am greatly honored to have been sponsored by such an admirable organization, as your dedication and service is vital for the safety and well-being of our nation.

This coming fall semester, I will be attending the University of Oklahoma (OU) and majoring in meteorology. As a student residing outside of Oklahoma, this generous scholarship will ease the financial burdens associated with out-of-state tuition, enabling me to dedicate more of my focus toward my studies. At OU's School of Meteorology, I intend to engage in undergraduate research related to meteorological topics, utilizing valuable tools such as machine learning and other data science techniques in the process. With OU leading a multimillion-dollar National Science Foundation Artificial Intelligence Institute for research in weather, climate, and coastal oceanography, I am eager to begin contributing toward advancing our understanding of the atmosphere using these ever-growing and important tools. After my undergraduate studies, I intend on continuing my education in graduate school or entering the public or private sector.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity and that of the NWSA. You can be assured that your investment in the future of the atmospheric science and meteorology community will have a lasting impact.

Sincerely,

Jacob Widanski