My name is Charlie Fisk and I was selected to receive the Royce and Janice Sanner Endowed Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year. I want to sincerely thank you for helping to make this scholarship possible.

I grew up in Woodbury, Minnesota, where I had a delightful summer job as a camp counselor. All throughout high school I worked at Day Camp Kumalya, which is a wonderful branch of the Woodbury YMCA. I fell in love working with children and I knew I had found my calling. I especially liked to work with children that had special needs. Each and every interaction with those children is unique. Beyond that, I found that teaching and forming relationships with kids is the most rewarding feeling in the world.

I was able to combine my interest in helping people with my love of children by pursing a teaching degree in Special Education at MSUM. I am in my third year and have just begun my practicum. I am thrilled to be able to put my book knowledge into practical use at a local elementary school. After graduation, I am hoping to get a teaching job in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Along with classes, I am a part of Habitat for Humanity. This is a non-profit organization devoted to building affordable housing for people. I see a great value in volunteering and am always willing to sign up to help others out.

I am so grateful to have received the Royce and Janice Sanner Endowed Scholarship. It has made such a difference in my life that I no longer have to be as concerned with the looming debt that the cost of education creates. This scholarship has helped me pay for necessities such as books and tuition. It gives me the opportunity to pursue a degree I love and will use for the rest of my life without as many financial worries. You have made an impact in my future.

I thank you sincerely,

Charlie Fisk