My name is Rachel Peterson and I was selected to receive the Mark A. Anderson Endowed Business Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year. I want to sincerely thank you for helping to make this scholarship possible.

I was born Minneapolis, Minnesota, and moved to a suburb, Oakdale, before packing my bags and moving to Moorhead. Back home, my dad sparked my interest in finance. One of my favorite past times was watching the stock market with my dad. We did it as a hobby for fun; He let me have a monitored account, and when I turned eighteen, I was able to open my own. Ever since then, I knew finance was my vocation.

I am presently in my third year at MSUM and am working for a degree in Finance. Additionally, I have picked up a minor in Accounting, and will be able to finish both programs within the next year. The program at MSUM is both challenging and rewarding, as the Business School at MSUM has the elite AACSB accreditation. I am blessed to be involved in such an invigorating learning environment where the professors truly care about their students. Also, I am proud to be starting an internship this summer for Wells Fargo as an insurance broker intern. I feel that MSUM has prepared me well, and I am excited to see where that takes me. I currently work on campus in the office of Financial Aid and am part of the collegiate DECA business club. In the future, I aspire to become a personal financial advisor.

I am so grateful to have received the Mark A. Anderson Endowed Business Scholarship. It has made such a difference in my life that I no longer have to fear the debt that furthering education racks up. Although I work at a local bank, the money that I make is not sufficient to pay for necessities such as books and tuition. This award has given me the opportunity to pursue a degree at a prestigious business school. It has made a significant impact in my future.

With sincere thanks,

Rachel Peterson