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Dear Dr. Kurt-Martin Strack,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for being awarded the George V. Keller Scholarship. I am highly honored to be its recipient. Students like myself are very fortunate to be in a field where there are organizations and people like yourselves willing to provide support to students.

I chose to do my doctorate in exploration geophysics because with the increasing scarcity of fuels and metals it will be necessary to develop new and innovative exploration and characterization techniques. My research explores alternative transient inductive electromagnetic geophysical techniques, namely, measuring spatial electromagnetic gradients for improved resolution in environmental and mining geophysics. Furthermore, we are also developing processing and interpretation tools for large multiple transmitter and receiver distributed array EM systems.

George V. Keller's contributions to geophysics are inspirational. Anyone involved in this field for years to come will come across his name in his many publications. As testament to that, I found myself referring to Dr. Keller's "Rock and Mineral Properties" published in the EM Methods SEG volume shortly before being notified that I had received this scholarship. This generous scholarship will lighten the financial burden associated with extended studies and will allow me to focus more on my research. I hope one day I will be in a position to help other students like this scholarship will help me. I would like to thank everyone who made this scholarship possible and for helping students like myself that are interested in electromagnetic geophysics.

Yours sincerely,

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