Dear Uncles and Aunts from HEF:

How are you? I’m a freshman (10th grade) in JINZHAI NO.1 High School from Anhui Province. But in some sense, I am different with my classmates, unfortunately. Things changed since I was three-year-old. That year, my mother left home without any reasons and abandoned my father and me. From then on, I live in a world without a mother. Because of poverty, my father had to leave home to find a job. So only my old grandma lives with me at home all the year around.

Since I was so young, I can’t even remember what my mother looks like. After I got older, I already got used to the life without a mother. Although we were poor, we lived a happy life. However, we were not blessed by God. Last summer, an accident took my dad's life away from us. There is no doubt that it's a huge shock, it made our lives even worse.

At the beginning of this semester, when I saw parents accompanying their children to school, I can’t help myself to be very sad. Even after Military Training, their parents came again. But what I could do is just crying in the corner and kept asking myself why I do not have my parents. I only spend less than half of their living expenses. This is my life, it is so cruel. Later, the representatives of HEF came; they brought me warmth and made my broken heart revived.

Now, I don't have as much complain as I do before, maybe it is doomed. Although I cannot change anything, I could change myself. My grade is not on top, but I will try my best. I believe I can get into top three from thirties. I also believe my effort will be rewarded, one way or the other.

When I have a job in future, I will also help other children like me to achieve their college dreams, just like you help me.

Finally, I'd like to thank you again for all your help. Wish you better health and happy working.

Best wishes,

Yue Xu

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