Dear Uncle Wang and Aunt Tang,

I hope today finds you well!

How times flies! I have become a 20-year-old young man. I am no longer an eight-year-old little boy. I no only grow older but also grow up. I experienced the university entrance exam, the touchstone of the talents. I scored 708 points in the academic course exam and ranked 5001th in Anhui province. This score enabled me to be admitted to 2nd tier art colleges. To be honest, I feel regretful in my heart. I gave myself so much pressure that I did not do well in the provincial exam. I almost ranked 10,000th and my score was merely above the 2nd tier art college minimum admission score. Because I did well in the academic course exam, my comprehensive ranking was raised above 4000. Uncle and Aunt, I disappointed you by not being admitted to good college. I am about to go to university. I hope to learn more knowledge there.

During the three years of high school, I spent most of the time with my teachers and classmates, because my school is a boarding school. I went home almost every 20 days. I think only this type of school fitted me. Although teachers here are not top teachers, they are serious and responsible. Although the students here are not top students, they study hard. We cannot compare with students in the elite high school. We can only do our best and compare with ourselves. I sincerely thank Ms. Wang, the Chairman of Sanjin High School, who gave me considerable help for the past three years. She deposited part of her wage to my meal card. She also bought leftover paint from former students and gave it to me. She often chatted with me to comfort me. I thank her for helping me. Her kindness enabled me to focus on my study and finish my study. At the same time, I also thank Uncle and Aunt for twelve years’ care and support. Although we meet by chance, it is due to kindhearted people like you that poor students like me are able to attend school. I often see on TV that many children from single parent families or poor families are forced to go out to work at a very young age and some are even misguided. I know that if it weren't for your help and care, I could also be like that. Although I have no parents, Uncle and Aunt give me so much warmth!

I have sent out my college entrance examination application. I hope I can be admitted to universities within the province. My teacher wanted me to go to a normal university. I think since one can pass a exam to get the teacher license in the future. I chose to major in design. Although my grandma suffers from diabetes, she is able to do the laundry and cook for herself. My uncle always worries about my tuition. He started to have white hair on his sideburns. Last time when I was home, I told him: “although 2nd tier college tuition fee often ranges from 7000 rmb to 8000 rmb, but uncle, please don't worry. The government can provide 5000--6000 RMB loan a year. The student loans in addition to Uncle Wang’s support will be enough to cover tuition. Regarding living expenses, when I go to college, I'll try my best to earn a merit scholarship, and look for part-time jobs. So you don’t have to provide me any money for my college life! Uncle, don't give yourself too much pressure, everything will be ok!”

As time goes by, I gradually grow up. I can feel that my burden on the shoulder is heavier and heavier. I know later on I have to support my grandma and uncle. I also want to strive, to move forward. I sincerely thank Uncle and Aunt for so many years’ help. Thank you!

Best,

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