

Dear Ms. Henry,

I am Leslie Knope, a recipient of the **Louise Henry Award**. I am grateful for this award because it will help me pay for tuition and history textbooks. I am majoring in History and planning on achieving a teacher's certificate. I grew up in the rainy town of Castle Rock, Washington with my parents and two dogs. It wasn't until my sophomore year in high school when I realized I loved history.



Similar to you, I had a spectacular teacher who painted history as if I was there in the room as history happened. During my sophomore year of high school, I took Advanced Placement United States History. My teacher took more unconventional methods of teaching like learning about influential people in history by having a tea party. During our tea party, each person in class was a person of significance in U.S. history and we discussed politics and religion as we sipped tea. This lesson helped me learn the ideals people in U.S. history were known for.

In the future, I hope to become a teacher for high school and promote teaching methods that will help students visualize historical moments like Dr. Henry did for you at WSU. Thank you again for funding my education and dreams to become a teacher.

Sincerely,

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