Scholarship recipients submit a thank you letter electronically to the Engineering Scholarship Program prior to the release of their award. Your thank you letter will introduce you to your donor, and provide you the opportunity to convey your appreciation. The Engineering Scholarship Program will mail the thank you letters to the donors along with annual scholarship fund data. Please do not send the thank you letters directly to the donor.

Thank You Letter Hints:
- Always put your return address, phone number, and e-mail address at the top of the letter so the donor can write you if he/she chooses.
- Do not mention the amount of the scholarship award in the letter, but do include the name of the scholarship.
- If there are multiple thank you contacts listed for your award, you'll need to write and submit a thank you letter for EACH person listed.
- If you’re writing your letter to the same donor as last year, PLEASE make sure you write a NEW letter, and update them on your college career. They really do read your letters!
- Review the background information for your scholarship to find out more about your donor.
- You communicate your intelligence through correct spelling and grammar. Use the spell check and the grammar check. Always proofread what you write!

Tell the donor about yourself
- Your hometown
- Family background
- High school and other experiences that led to your choice to study engineering at UT

Tell about your present situation
- Classification and major at UT
- Things you enjoy about college or look forward to at college
- Organizations in which you participate
- Internships or co-ops that you are doing or plan to do
- Tell how the scholarship has helped you

Tell about your future plans
- What you hope to accomplish while at UT
- Future career plans

View your thank you letter contact information and submit your letter online through the "View My Scholarship/Fellowship Awards" section of the Engineering Scholarship Student Menu. https://utdirect.utexas.edu/engine/scholarship/index.WBX
- Click on your scholarship code (provided in your award notification) for this year
- Click on "Thank You Information" to view your thank you letter contact(s).
- Click on "Submit Thank You Letter" to upload and submit your letter.

After submitting your letter, it will be sent via email to the Engineering Scholarship Program where we will proof and print your letter. You will receive a copy of the submission via the email address you entered, so you will know it was submitted properly. We no longer include signatures in the letters, so you WILL NOT need to come by the office to sign it. A sample thank you letter follows.
Generous Alum, Ph.D.
1234 Some Street
Somewhere, TX 12345

Dear Dr. Alum:

Thank you very much for your contribution to the School of Engineering. I am a recipient of the 2015-2016 Generous Alum Friends of Alec Annual Scholarship. I am from the small town of Katy, Texas right outside of Houston. I attended Katy High School, where I was an active member of Mu Alpha Theta and Junior Engineering Technology Society (JETS). Much of the influence I received towards engineering and the sciences came from the activities I took part in as a member of these two clubs and from my high school math and science teachers. My math teacher encouraged me to become an engineer.

When I arrived at UT, I chose Chemical Engineering because I was always very interested in chemistry. I wanted to combine this love of chemistry with my interest in engineering and problem solving. I had also heard of UT’s nationally recognized engineering program. Once I came here and experienced all that UT has to offer, I am proud to call myself a Longhorn!

I am now a sophomore in Chemical Engineering. While at UT, I have been a member of several engineering societies, including American Institute of Chemical Engineers and Society of Women Engineers. I will graduate in the spring of 2018, but I would like to continue my education at UT. I hope to receive my Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering with an interest in polymer science. Someday I would like to be able use the education I received at UT to design and operate polymer reactors.

I really appreciate your generous scholarship support. It has helped me greatly by allowing me to concentrate more on schoolwork without having to worry about finances. I would not be as far along in my education without your support. I would have had to take several jobs to support myself through college. Again, I am very thankful for your contribution.

Sincerely,
Your Name Here