

June 27, 2016

K.E.Y.S. of Arizona, Inc.
Attn: Misti Lacy, Co-Founding Director
14240 N. 43rd Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85306

Re: Homeschoolers and the Direct Start President Scholarship

Dear Ms. Lacy:

Thank you for your letter to Grand Canyon University (“GCU”) dated May 31, 2016, regarding GCU’s Direct Start Scholarship program. As an initial matter, I would like to inform you that while we did recently adjust our policy regarding Direct Start Scholarships for home schoolers, GCU has decided to revert back to its original policy on this matter and *will consider home school GPA for award eligibility*.

While the original policy will stand moving forward, I would like to take this opportunity to explain GCU’s reasoning behind the proposed policy change. As you are aware, GCU is a private institution and therefore has full discretion to determine its own scholarship policies. The decision to eliminate home school GPA as an eligibility metric for Direct Start Scholarships was made after careful thought and with fair and impartial rationale. As you pointed out in your letter, GCU saw several instances of grade manipulation by home school parents in an attempt to qualify their children for a higher award level. We understand that’s not the case in most situations, but in order to maintain the integrity of our scholarship program, we felt the policy change was necessary. Going forward, GCU intends to maintain the policy of accepting home school GPA for award eligibility; however, should the grade manipulation issues resurface, GCU reserves the right to adjust its policy accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support of GCU. With your help, we have welcomed many homeschool graduates to our campus and have seen multiple stories of high achievement and success as a result. We hope to continue that trend into the future. I hope the aforementioned information will bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Grice
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