

Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Christine Lee Olson (Chris) and I live in Missoula. When I was 13 I was pushed off a hay wagon and subsequently, it ran over my head. Therefore, it left me with a brain injury. As time passed, I finished my high school years. When I turned 24, I had a brain aneurism. Nonetheless, I am still here. I came here today, first of all, to thank you, the State of Montana, for all you have given me since my disability. I also want to thank Opportunity Resources for the opportunity to work. Not only have they helped me earn my own money, but I have also earned my own self respect.

Now that I have gotten your attention, the main reason I am here is because I would really like to go to college. <sup>in Marketing arts.</sup> Living in a university town, I don't see any reason to blow my chance to go to college. However, I cannot afford the tuition, books and the staff assistance I will need. I would need grants for tuition and books and also an increase in my staff hours. Some people might think that my going to college is a waste of time; however I don't feel that way. I know that I am an intelligent well rounded person that is dying to start her education. *I don't want to be the child left behind.*

Please look at my cost plan and help me fulfill my dream of going to college to improve my quality of life.

Thank you for your time

Christine Lee Olson