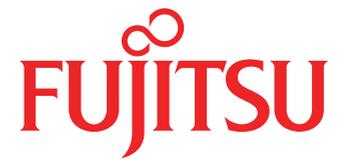


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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I am writing to apply for the Fujitsu Tablet Computer Scholarship.

I am currently a junior mechanical engineering student at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. I am very involved in organizations around campus including: Hardrocker Baseball Club (President), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (Recruitment Chair/Webmaster), Robotics Team, and the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.



Throughout my time here at SDSM&T, the Fujitsu Tablet Computer has greatly benefited me. I have taken all of my notes for my classes on the computer. This is beneficial because I have very poor handwriting and the features available on the computer greatly improve my note quality and thus my academic success. The ability of the computer to draw perfect shapes, coordinate axis, and lines with the touch of a button makes the engineering drawings I make in my notes neater and easier to comprehend. Also, when taking notes on the computer, I can quickly switch between colors so the notes are easier to understand when going back through them long after they were taken. It would not be possible to do things like draw perfect shapes or change writing colors as quick as is required in class lectures if it was not for my computer.

Now that I am an upperclassmen, the material covered in classes references back to material I have learned in past classes (possibly several semesters ago). Having all of my notes on my Fujitsu Tablet Computer allows me to quickly, even in the middle of a lecture, go back to my previous notes and refresh my memory on the pre-requisite information the professor is referring to. From this, I can quickly get back up to speed and focus on learning the new material.

Thank you for your time in considering my application for the Fujitsu Tablet Computer Scholarship. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Austin Maus". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Austin Maus