Official Transcript, Recommendation Letter, and Resume Fees Statement of Justification

I am seeking reimbursement for fees related to official transcript orders and recommendation letter and resume delivery orders via Interfolio. Both kinds of orders are necessary for my long-term plans because they allow for the successful completion of my graduate school applications for a master’s degree in speech-language pathology.

I am applying to graduate school to further my studies in speech-language pathology as well as to eventually become a speech-language pathologist. My desire to become a speech-language pathologist stems from a long-term interest in language, such as in its acquisition, its use between different cultures, and its representation in the mind. My desire is also due to an interest in pathology. There exist many ways that speech-language processes can break down – such as due to cancer or vocal abuse – and studying and cataloging them in my mind are what I greatly enjoy doing. I am also interested in tracking the effectiveness of different intervention strategies in therapy as a result of my observation sessions at Queens College’s Speech-Language Hearing Center. For instance, I enjoy seeing how a particular mix of strategies would lead to increased success in aiding a client with their communication disorder as compared to other combinations. As a speech-language pathologist, I would also be helping clients lead more successful lives socially, academically, and occupationally. Lastly, having once been in speech therapy, I know well the challenges clients would face with having a communication disorder, and my experiences would better position me to help them. Getting accepted by a good graduate school would allow me to accomplish my goal of becoming a speech-language pathologist.

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via Interfolio are essential for completing my graduate school applications and getting accepted into a good program. All of the schools I have applied to require official transcripts to fully assess my academic potential. In addition, all of them also require recommendation letters so as to take the measure of my character as observed by trusted professors and advisors, while one school calls for a resume to review my work, volunteer, and research experiences. In order to fulfill their needs, I ordered transcripts from my host campus, Queens College, to be sent to Teachers College and St. John’s University. To send recommendation letters and resumes, I signed up for Interfolio, an online service that provides storage of confidential recommendation letters, resumes, and other documents necessary for the graduate school application process, and the ability to easily send these documents to schools in a streamlined anxiety-free process. Specific benefits of Interfolio include leaving recommendation letter providers in relative peace, as they do not have to upload letters to every school I am applying to, besides the one-time upload they perform for the site; controlling when documents are sent to schools as I no longer need to rely on the providers to send them for me; and choosing from multiple delivery methods for my documents, such as sending an electronic version to online applications or a hard copy directly to schools. Lastly, Interfolio provides a centralized hub where I can control documents crucial to my graduate school applications and thus my long-term goal of becoming a speech-language pathologist.

Only through applying for graduate study can I eventually become a speech-language pathologist. However, that will not be possible without transcripts, recommendation letters, and resumes. Through transcript orders and Interfolio, however, I can access opportunities that would then allow me to accomplish my goal.