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Mark D. Pugh
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Dear Mr. Pugh,

I am honored to have been selected to receive one of the Schonstedt Scholarships this year, and I can assure you that you have greatly assisted me in meeting my educational goals. I am a senior at Troy University and I plan to graduate in the fall of 2012. Following graduation I will be pursuing a full-time career with the United States Forest Service as a Forest Land Surveyor.

The first time that I ever saw a Schonstedt locator was when I was helping a local Land Surveyor. He pulled out a funny looking yellow metal detector with a rubber stopper on the end and began to search for a piece of rebar in the ground. That evening I went home and did some research to see just what kind of detector that was, and of course it led to your company.

I am no stranger to metal detectors, but in my world we called them Mine Detectors. I served 6 years in the US Marines as a Combat Engineer. In 2005 I was deployed with an Infantry Company where I provided urban demolitions support and, you guessed it, searched for weapons caches and IED's. I used an old Scheibel AN/PSS-12 Mine Detector, and it found plenty of what we Marines would consider buried treasure. When your life depends on the confidence of each step you manage to acquire quite the ear for the noise coming from your mine detector. This skill developed out of necessity has given me quite the knack for hunting property corners. I think you'll be glad to hear that every-single-time that I've ever searched for a corner with a locator it was with one of your instruments.

Now that I have a few years of surveying under my belt I've had the opportunity to use several different models of Schonstedt locators. I've seen nothing but the quality that a seasoned mine detector would expect out of all of your products. Before, I had no reason to even explore other brands of detectors. Now, I have a reason to use your products exclusively. We have a Schonstedt locator in our Forest Service truck now, and I'll assure that in the decades to come we will continue to do so.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



Kurt Rardin