

Dear President [Name],

We are the **Belarusian Association of Researchers and Educators Abroad**, which is dedicated to providing support to students suffering from political repression in the Republic of Belarus. We are requesting **[School Name]** to provide assistance to persecuted and displaced students from Belarus that would allow them to continue pursuing higher education here in the United States. We would like to explore scholarships and grants opportunities for Belarusian students at **[School Name]**, as well as the possibility for expedited admission consideration and academic transfer.

Our request is based on the grounds of the ongoing [political and humanitarian crisis in Belarus](#).

The results of the country's presidential election on August 9th, 2020 were blatantly falsified. Both the United States and European Union have [refused to recognize the self-proclaimed president Aliaksandr Lukashenka](#) as legitimate and have called for new elections, as the election was neither free nor fair. The people of Belarus have responded to this corruption with widespread, purposefully peaceful protests; however, the country's security services have met those expressions of public will with unprecedented violence. The official, state-sponsored media outlets have been conducting a flagrantly dishonest informational campaign aimed at smearing and defaming the protest movement. According to human rights organizations, over 15,000 people have been detained and [over 450 have been severely beaten and tortured in detention centers](#).

The most recent demonstrations have gathered hundreds of thousands across the entire country, and Belarusian students have been at the forefront of the movement. They have consequently become the social group that has been most targeted by government repression. [Students have been arrested, jailed](#), and some are facing charges with potential prison sentences; merely for peaceful protests.

Additionally, the administration of Belarusian higher-learning institutions and universities have been threatening those who have participated in the peaceful protests with expulsion, refusal to confer diplomas, and suspension. Many students now are unable to complete their education in Belarus and must leave the country fearing for their safety and that of their families and loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Belarusian Association of Researchers and Educators Abroad

[Contact Info]