September 12th, 1816

Dear President Jefferson,

I know I have what it takes to be a Western explorer out of all that land out there, there is only one out there to manage that land. I, Meriwether Lewis with my pal William Clark would like to explore the West. We are both very healthy, positive and have enough food to survive. We have what it takes to make cities maybe even colonies. We will do such a good job that there will be monuments named after us. There will even be a tour that shows where we explored in the West. Thank you for using your valuable time reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Meriwether Lewis.
Dear President Jefferson,

I am qualified to lead a westward expedition because I am Intelligent because I can drive a boat and a wagon. I am a quick learner and I can work well with animals. For example, I can walk through rivers that are shallow. I can ride horses. I am a great hunter. I am well with guns. In order to be successful I will need bags, a map and food, a horse to haul a wagon. And I need a wagon, boat and gun with gun powder. I need a notebook or a journal. And a tent, a knife or an axe and freshwater and a canteen. A light source. And a compass, warm clothing, a medicity, boots and rope.
Dear Mr. President,

I am qualified to lead a westward expedition because I am strong and brave. For example, I can lift more than fifty-three pounds, and I can lift a big rock out of the way of our journey. I am brave because I will fight a bear if it’s harming people. In order to be successful I will need a sword and mountain shoes. I need a sword because we will hunt for food. The reason why I need mountain shoes so we can climb mountains, because if we didn’t wear them we will have a hard time climbing. I hope you will give me the opportunity to learn more about the west for our country.

Sincerely,

Asian Female - Grade level
- ELL continuum reader
Dear President Jefferson, I am qualified to lead a Westward Expedition. I am strong for example I can get food. In order to be successful I will need food. I hope you will give me the opportunity to learn more about the West for our Country.

Sincerely,

Hispanic male

- Significantly below grade level
- Going through IEP process
Dear President Jefferson,

January 18th

I am qualified to lead a westward expedition because I am brave. For example, I will risk helping my team. In order to be successful, I will need to be brave. I hope you will give me the opportunity to learn more about the West for our country.

- Asian male
- ELL continuum
- Below grade level reader
Dear President, I am qualified to lead a westward expedition because I am smart. For example, I can write everything that is important. In order to be successful, I will need special closing. I hope you will give me the opportunity to learn more about our country.

- Hispanic
- Female
- Below grade level reader
- ELL continuum
- Involved in IEP process