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Furthering Songwriting and Guitar Skills with Electronic Equipment

With my Minigrant funds, I wanted to purchase a Stratocaster electric guitar and amplifier so that I could diversify my musical skillset and write music in a new way. After a great deal of online research and conversations with other guitarists, I purchased a Fender Bullet Stratocaster HT from Fender's website. I happened to get very lucky and purchased while there was an online sale, so I was able to buy a strap and a stand with the extra funds.

Since I received the guitar, I have been playing nearly every day. I am still figuring out the various settings on both the amp and the guitar, but I'm having so much fun experimenting with the different sounds that the instrument produces. It feels like a completely different instrument than my acoustic, and I'm taking a lot of time to get used to that. I have used the electric guitar to record a demo for my songwriting final project, and I have also revised other songs I've written throughout the semester to fit the sound of the electric. I am very much looking forward to taking time to write more songs over winter break, and I hope to get back into the studio and begin recording more music over the next few months.

I had planned to use my electric guitar on stage for the first time a performance in mid-November that was cancelled following the shooting, so I have yet to play it for an audience. Though I am disappointed that I have not performed in a few weeks, I will play many gigs with the electric guitar next semester.

I still had some funding leftover after making a large purchase from Fender, which I used to renew my subscription to Distrokid (the music streaming site I use to release my music online) and purchase a new set of strings for my acoustic guitar. Both of these purchases are helping me to sustain the music practices I have developed so far. Thanks to this funding, I have expanded my range as a songwriter and guitarist. I am excited to continue to put the guitar to good use in the future.

Expenditures

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Fender BULLET STRATOCASTER HT	161.99	1	161.99
Frontman 10G Amplifier	71.99	1	71.99
Guitar Stand	26.99	1	26.99
Guitar Strap	7.49	1	7.49
Professional Series Instrument Cables	25.19	1	25.19
Sales Tax (Fender)	15.56	n/a	15.56

Acoustic Guitar Strings	25.25	1	25.25
Distrokid annual subscription	35.99		35.99
Total			370.45