**Template email to professor**

[Introduction: Dear \_\_\_\_\_, Hello \_\_\_\_\_,]

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am a student in your \_\_\_\_\_\_ class. I realize that you choose the required textbook for this course with student learning in mind, but because of its cost, $\_\_\_, I was wondering whether purchasing the textbook is necessary to be successful in this class? If so, is it possible to use an older edition of the textbook (because it is more affordable)?

As you may know, the cost of textbooks can be a significant barrier for students, so I am also wondering if you have considered using Open Educational Resources (OER) to make <insert course name> more affordable to students? OERs are alternatives to traditional textbooks which are free to use and many can be modified. More information can be found at <https://www.ecampusontario.ca/about/>.

I know you are in the best position to select the resources for this course, and hope you don’t mind me sending this email. I want to do well in this course and being able to afford the textbook is a barrier for me.

I appreciate you taking the time to respond to my email.

Thank you!

[name]