

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

	Application – Completed, as directed in black ink		Dental Referral Form
	Contract – Read and signed by parent(s) and applicant		Report Card
	Applicant Questionnaire – Handwritten by the applicant		
	Household Information – Complete and accurate		
	2 Letters Of Recommendation – Letters from at least two community leaders or teachers, with contact information attached		
	2 Photos – Close up photos of applicant’s teeth while smiling. (1) photo, teeth showing from the front and (1) photo of the teeth from the side.		

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE ALL DOCUMENTS ARE INCLUDED. WE WILL NOT NOTIFY YOU IF YOUR PACKET IS INCOMPLETE!**

### ORTHODONTIC SCHOLARSHIP

Smile for a Lifetime (S4L) is an international program that provides orthodontic scholarships (free braces) to children ages 11-17 who normally would not be

able to afford treatment. Dr. Bright has formed a local chapter to serve children in Katy, Richmond and Fulshear, TX. There is no cost to those chosen

to receive an S4L orthodontic scholarship.

Scholars are chosen by a local board of directors and the process is competitive. **Scholarships are limited** and based on financial need, orthodontic need, and

a complete and accurate application.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicant must reside in Fort Bend, Harris, and Waller of Texas.
- Family income of no more than (185%) of the federal poverty level. (Income eligibility form attached)\*  
**If Chosen**, proof of income will be **required** to verify eligibility prior to treatment. W-2, Income tax return, SSI award letter, TANF grant letter etc.
- Applicant must be between the ages of 11 – 18.
- Have “good” dental hygiene practices and had a dental hygiene check-up in the past 6 months.
- Must have a functional and/or aesthetic need for braces.
- Must currently be enrolled in school.
- Must demonstrate a positive attitude.
- Must follow and abide by treatment plan set forth by the orthodontist and contract attached.
- Should demonstrate a willingness to get involved in the community through extracurricular activities and/or volunteer service.
- Must have positive letters of recommendation from at least two community leaders and/or teachers.

**\* Chapter may consider exceptions under the “special circumstances” clause. Please speak with an S4L representative for more information**

**NOTE: If awarded, Proof of income is required prior to treatment. i.e. W-2, Income Tax Return for previous year, SSI Award Letter, Child Support, TANF grant letter, etc.**

### APPROVAL PROCESS

- The screening committee for the Bright Smile, Bright Future Chapter of Smile for a Lifetime will select applicants on an ongoing basis.

- Selection is based on the information provided within this packet (i.e. commentary, personal essay, character, and accompanying letters of recommendation),

orthodontic and financial need.

- Please ensure that the packet is filled out completely and accurately. Incomplete packets will not be submitted to review board for selection process.

- If you would like to reapply, please speak with an S4L representative for further information.

**ORTHODONTIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Today's Date:

Primary Dentist:

Applicant's Last Name:		First:		Middle:
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Applicant's Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):		Applicant's Age:		Applicant's Gender:	MALE	FEMALE
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Are you currently enrolled in school:	YES	NO	What grade are you in :		What is your GPA:	
Name of School:	Address (City, State, Zip Code):			Phone Number:	( )	
				Fax:	( )	
Are you wearing braces?	If you are over the age of 16, what are your plans over the next 3 years (Moving, College, etc.):					
Home Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	Home phone no.:	Cell phone no.:	
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How did you hear about Smile for a Lifetime (please circle or write in your answer)?						
Internet Search	Family	Friend	Dentist/Orthodontist	Boys & Girls Club	State Office	Other: (Please Specify)
Television	Magazine	Radio	Newspaper	CASA	Internet Ad	
Are you a member of any of the listed organizations? Please circle all that apply:				BBBS	BGCA	CASA NCOHF
<b>There are many reasons why people get braces; please select the following that apply or feel free to add your own:</b>						
Discomfort while eating/drinking		Jaw and/or mouth pain		I look down when talking		
Speech Impediment		I get teased about my teeth		I cover my mouth when I laugh		
It's hard to clean my teeth well		I'm embarrassed to smile		I have a hard time sleeping/Sleep apnea		
<b>GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b>						

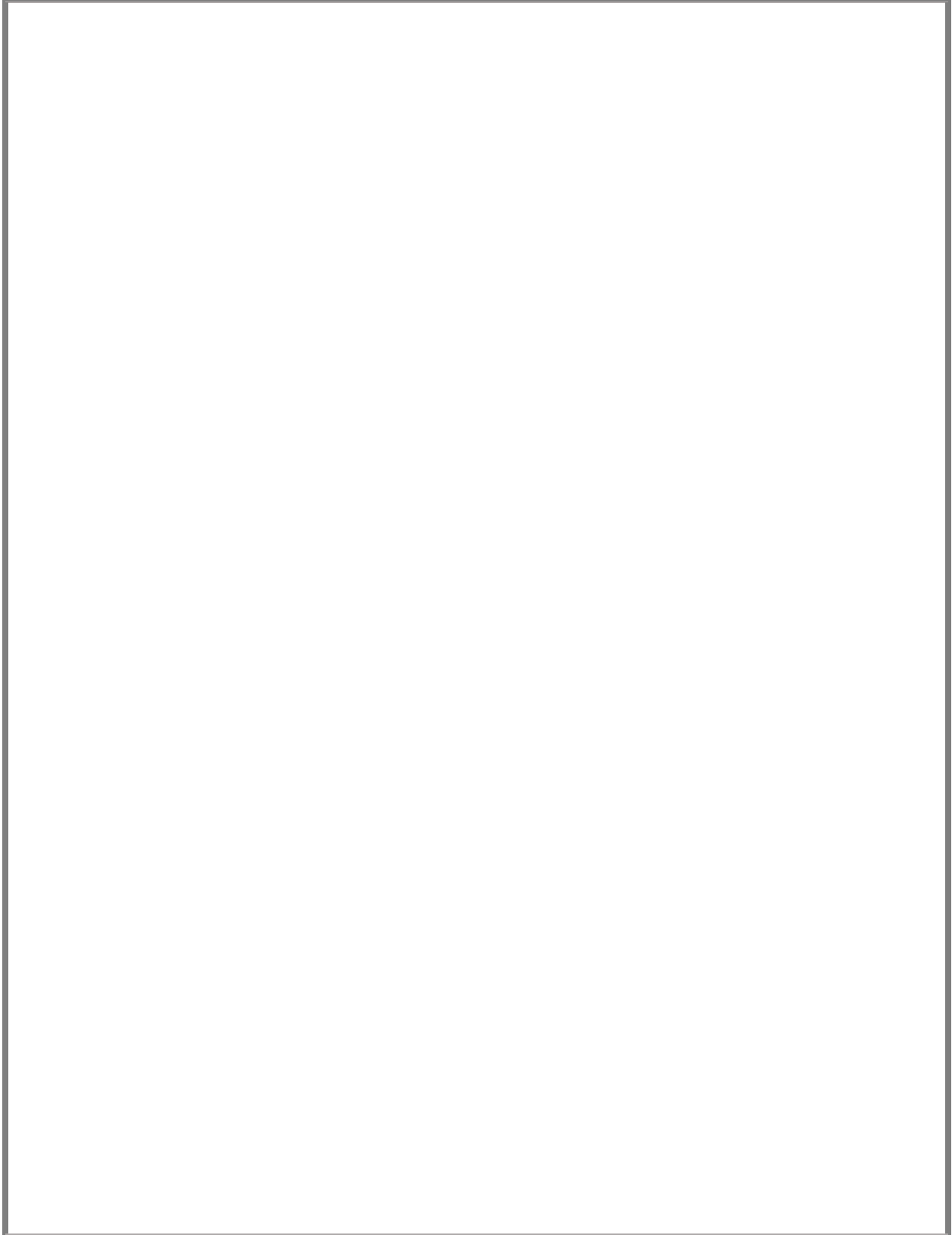
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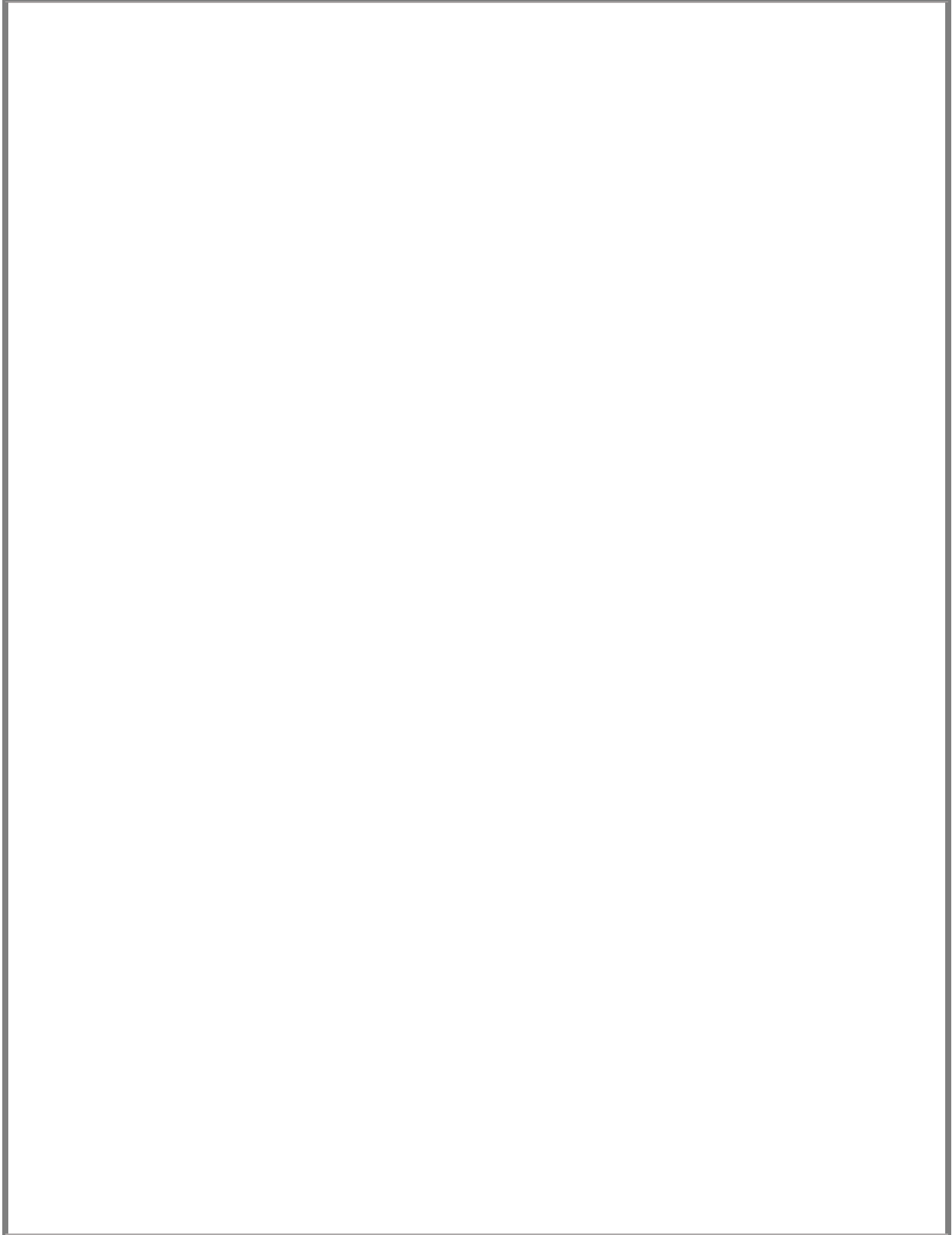
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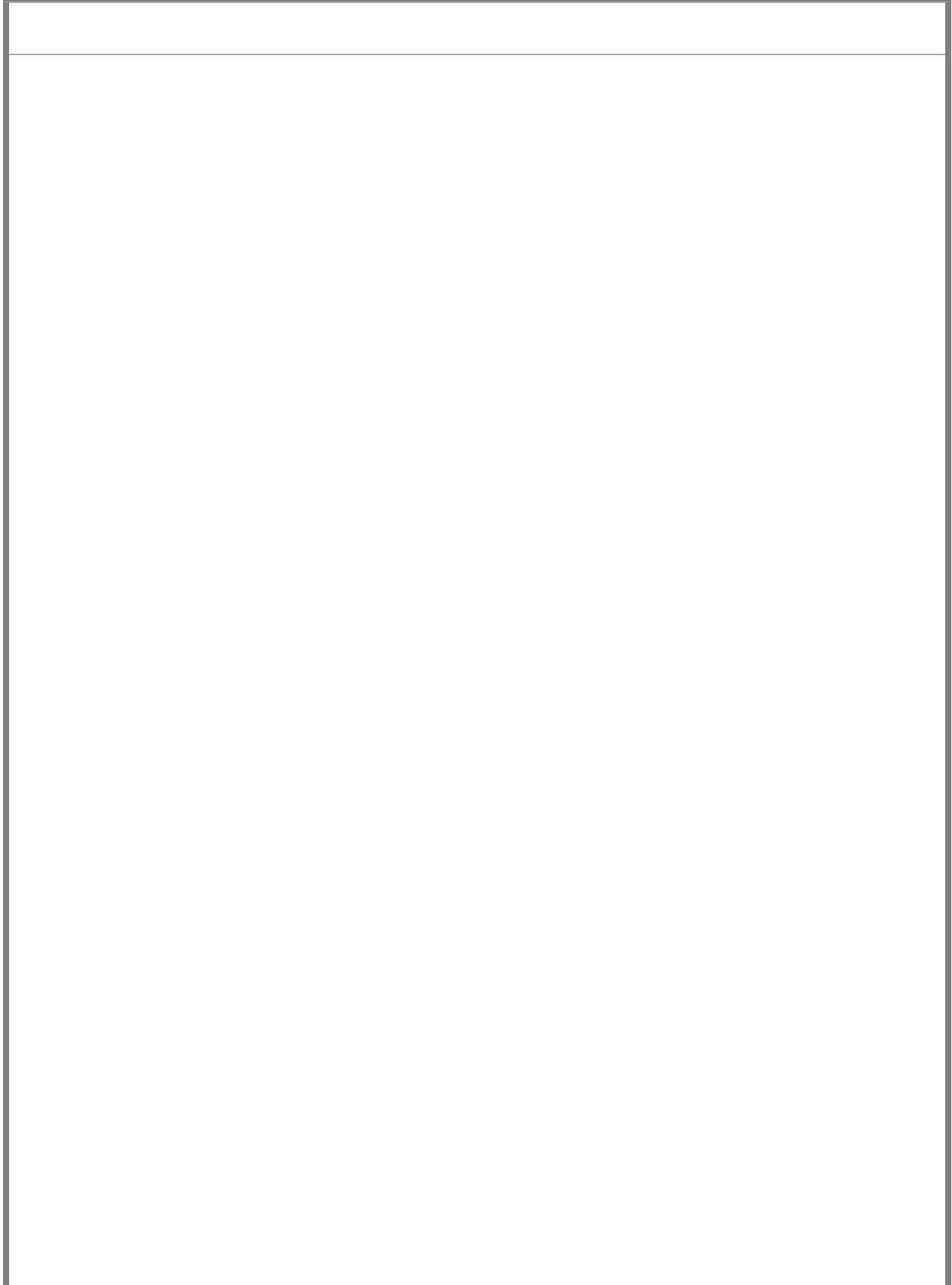
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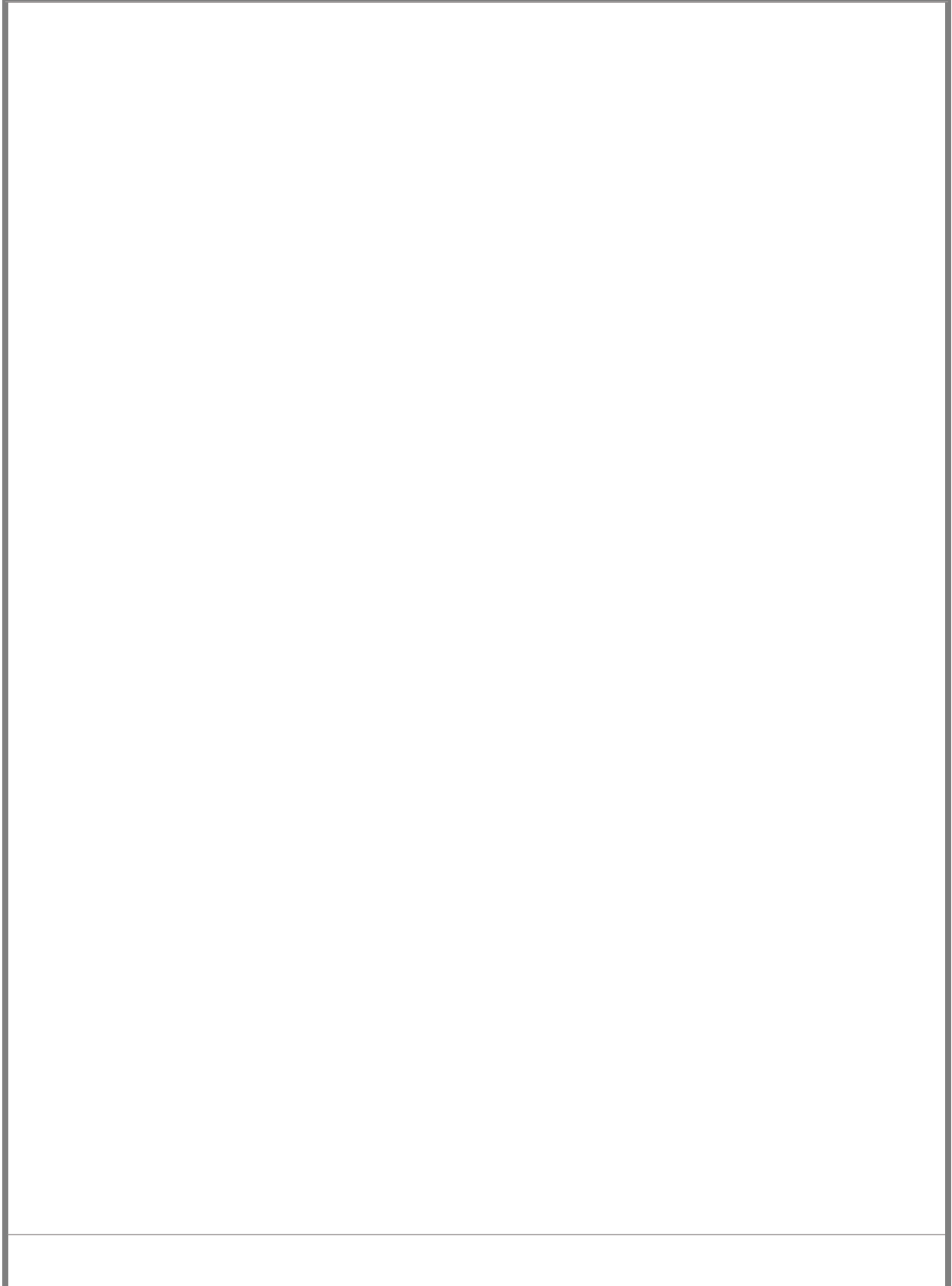
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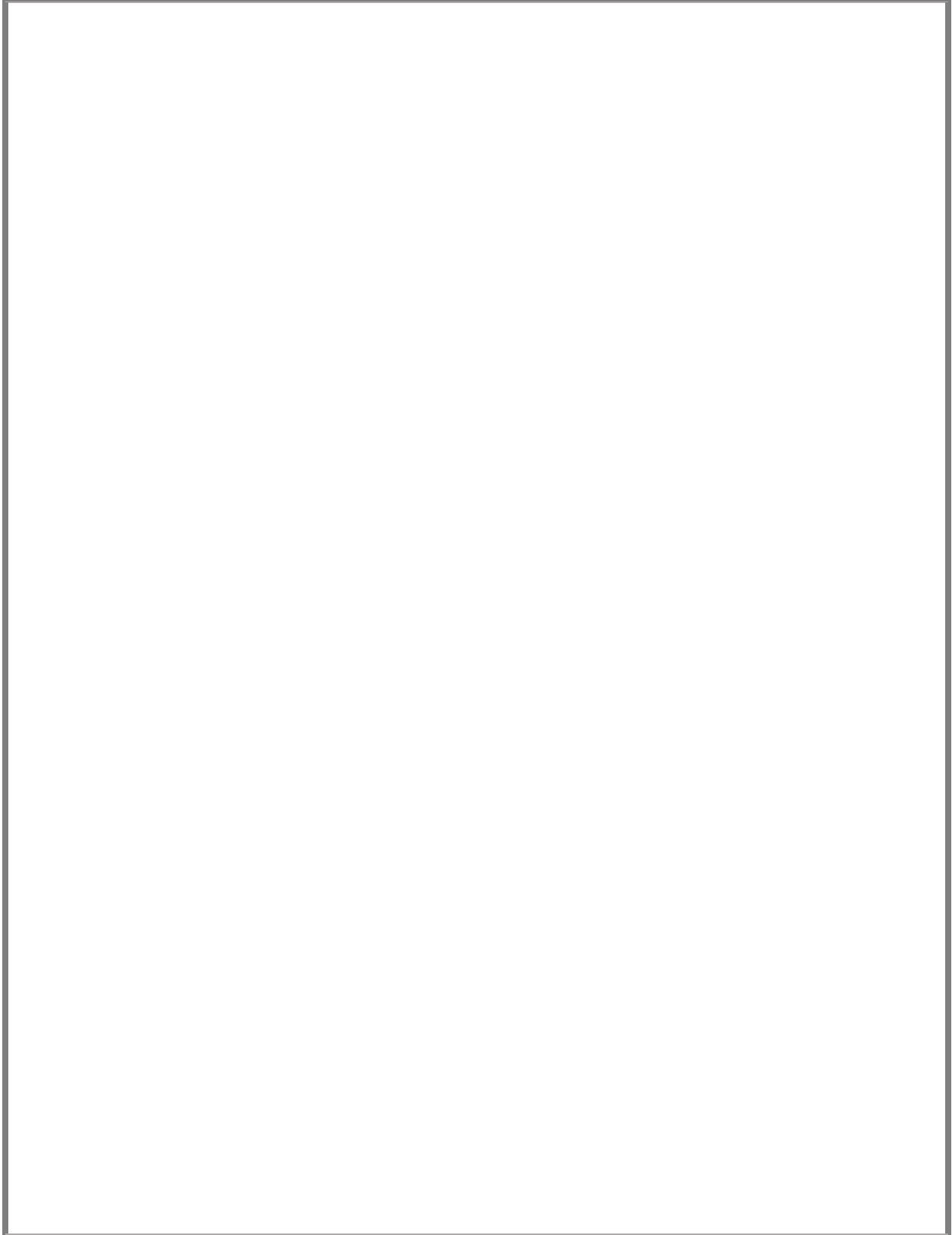




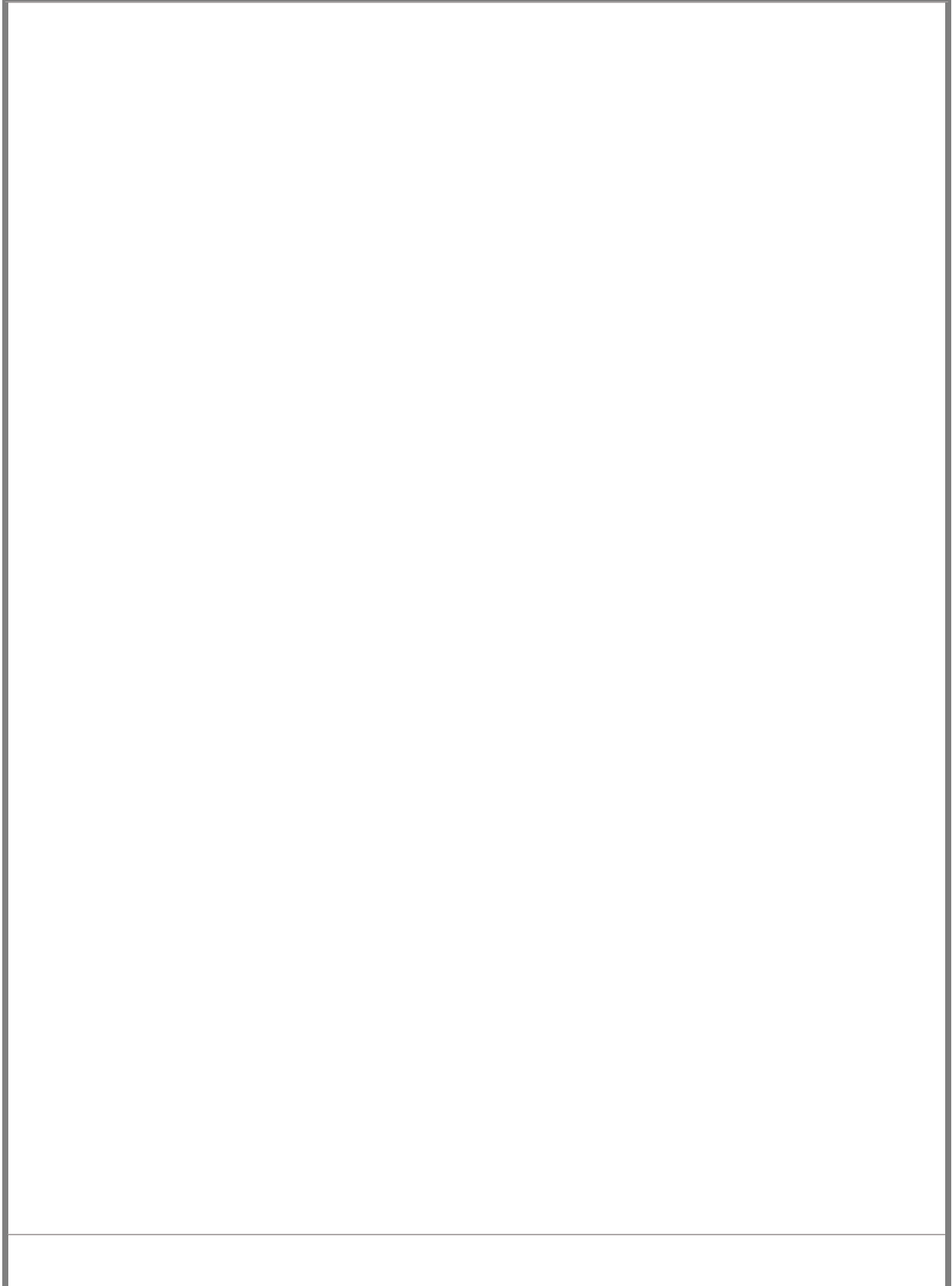
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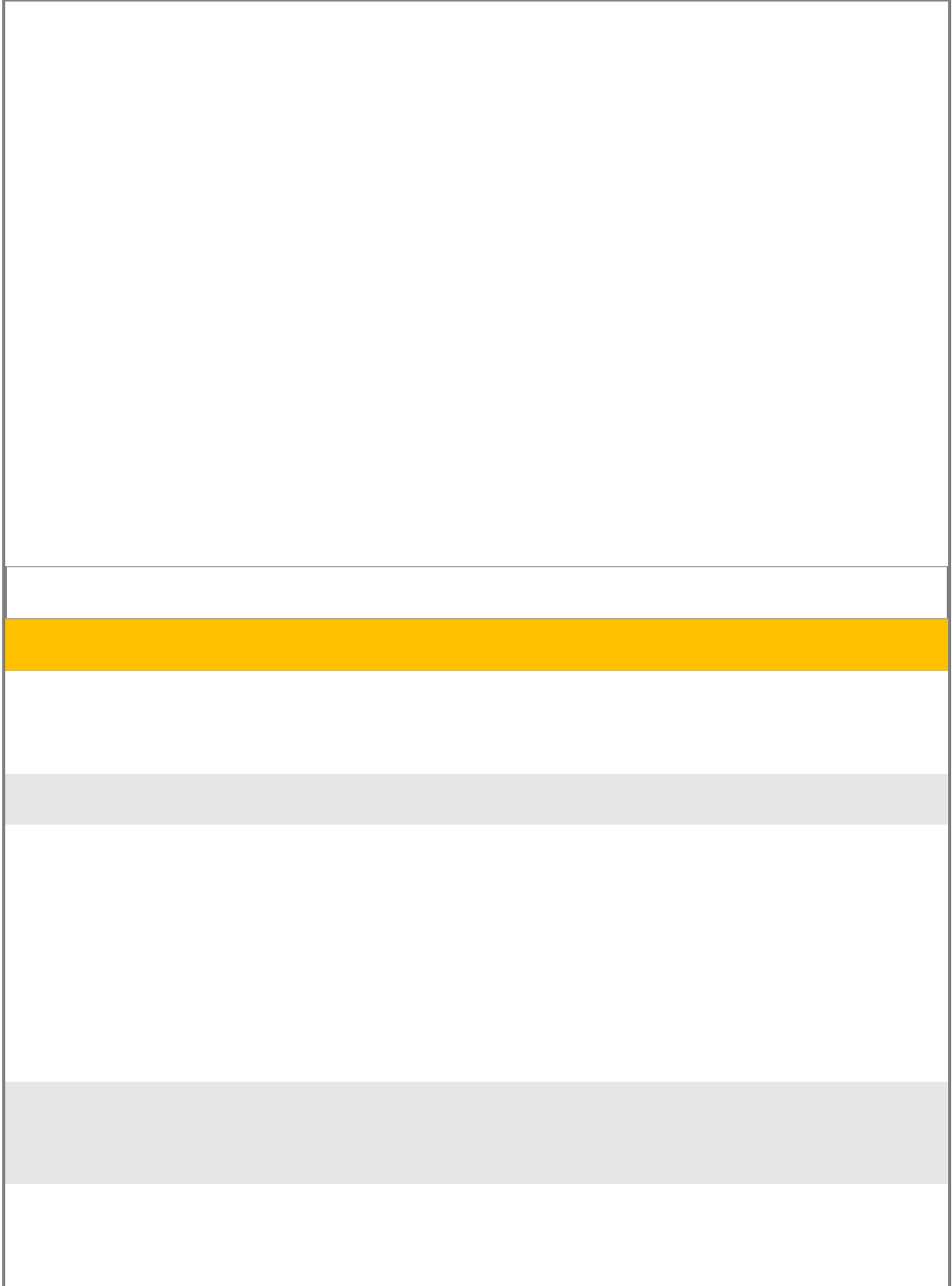


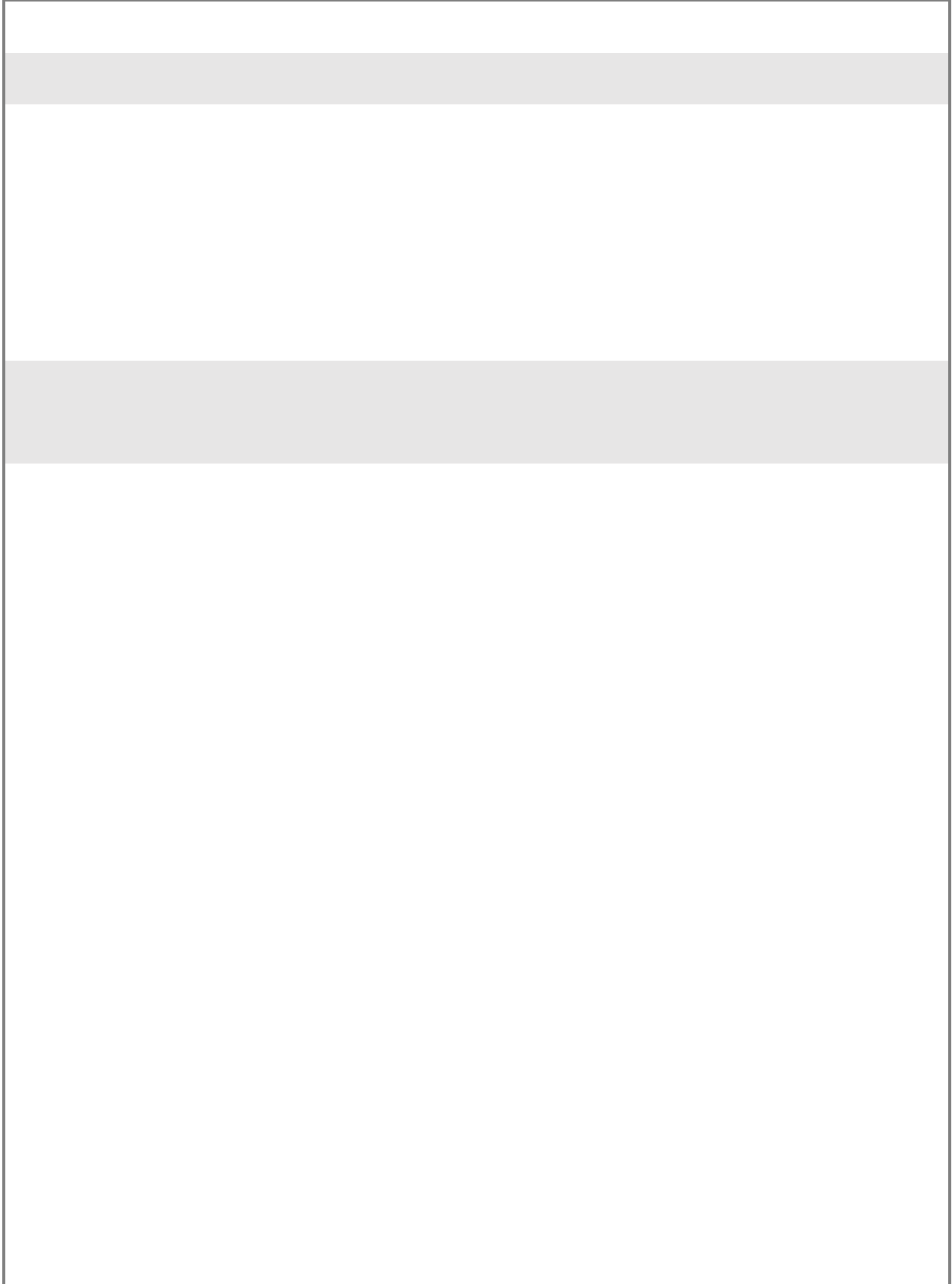




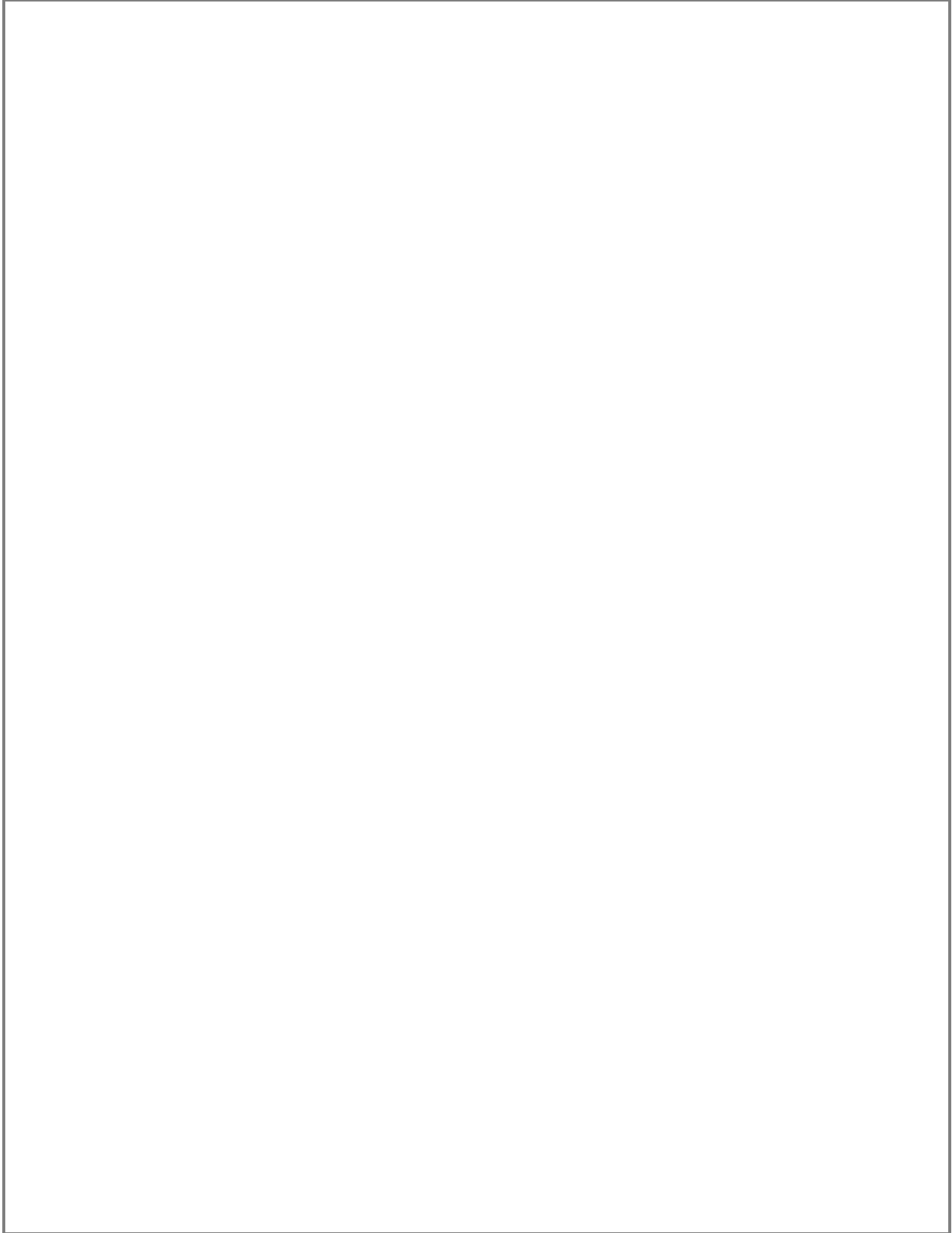


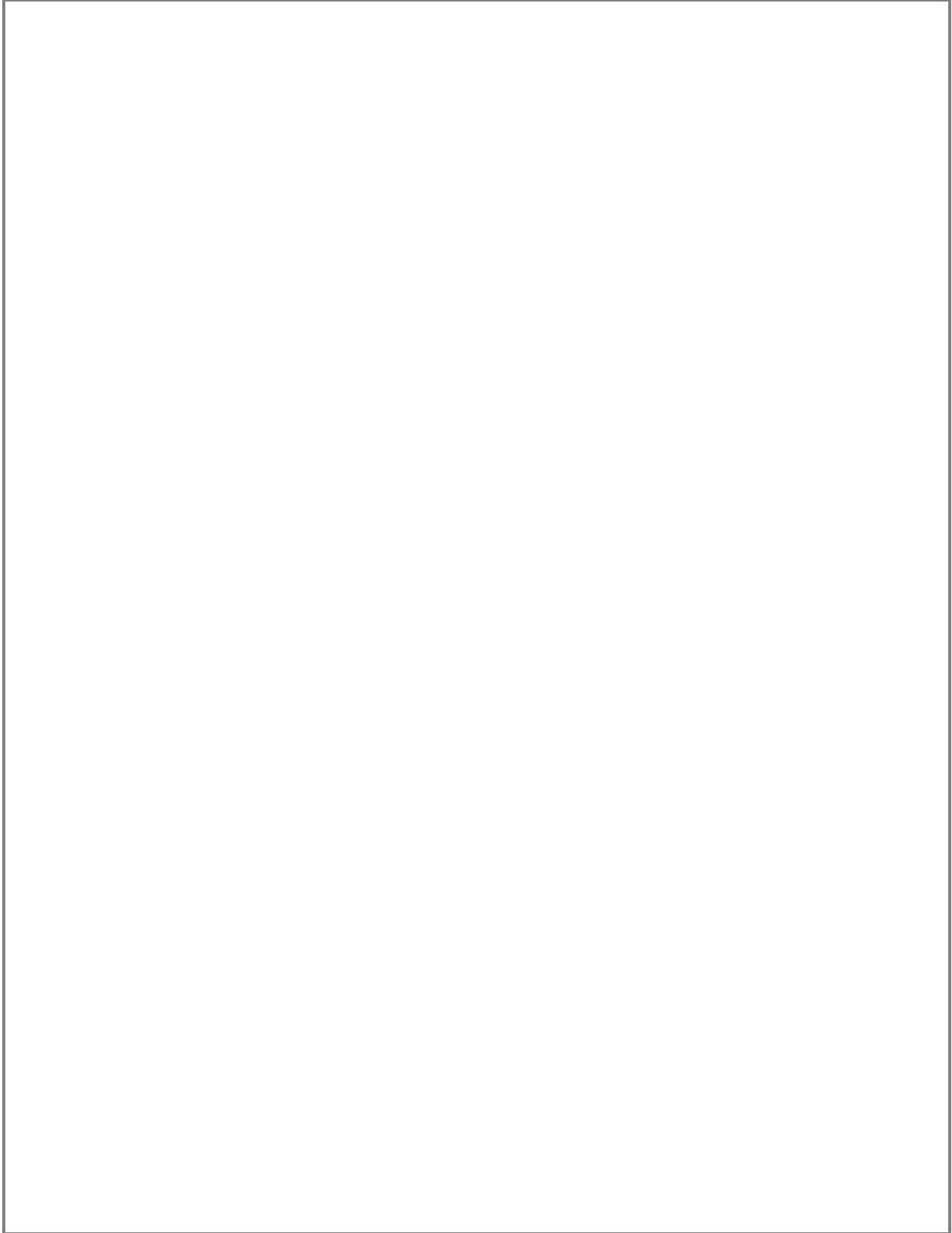


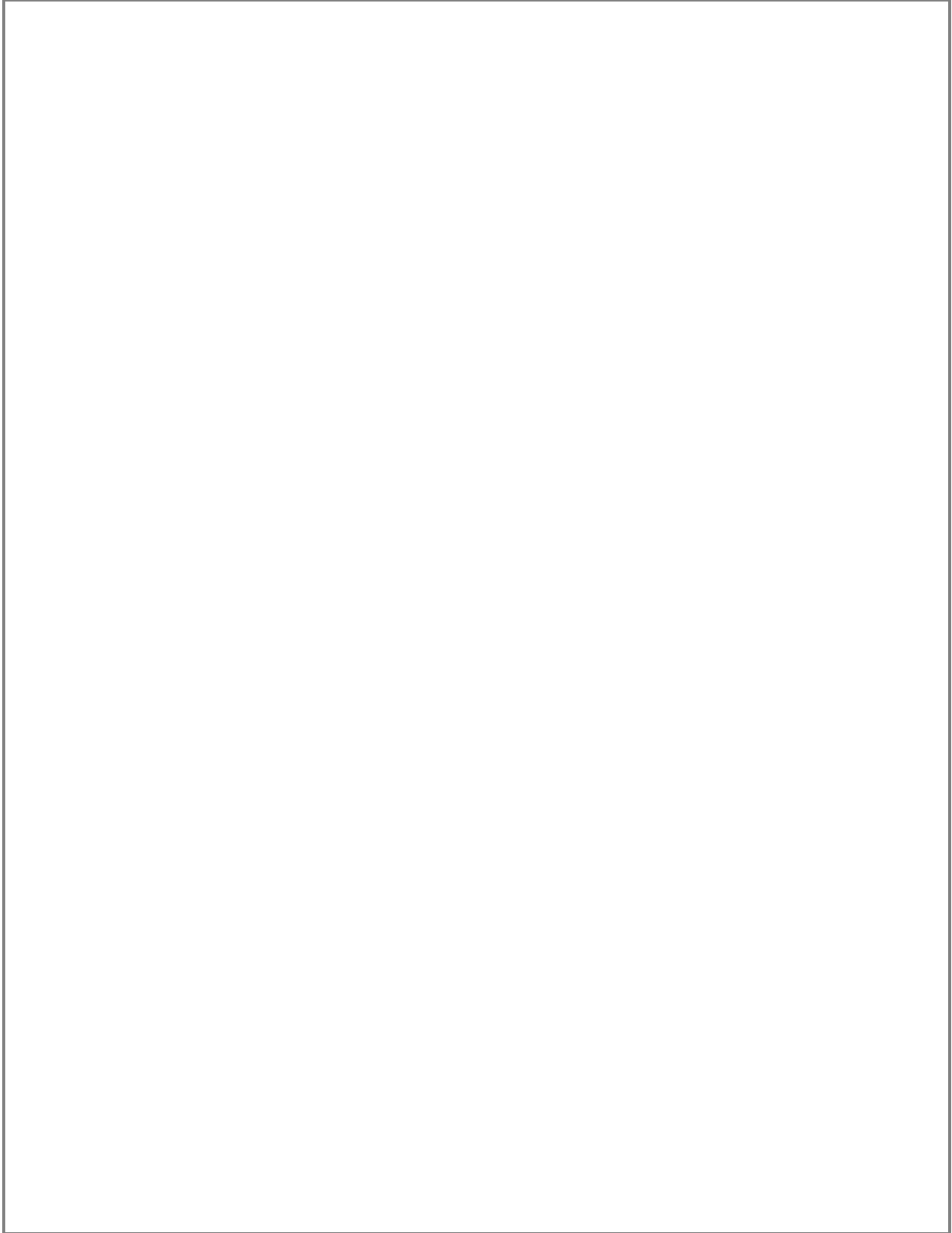




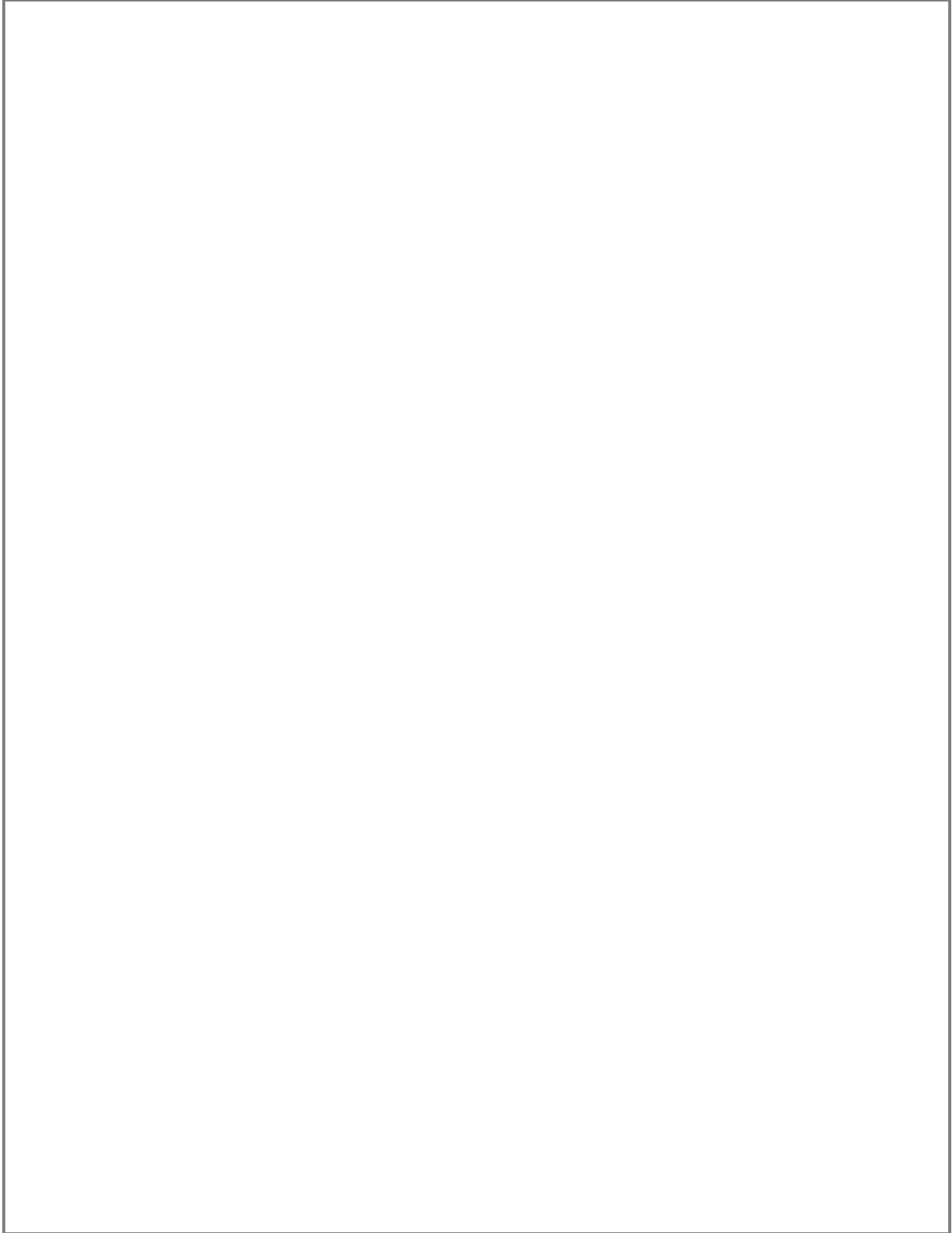


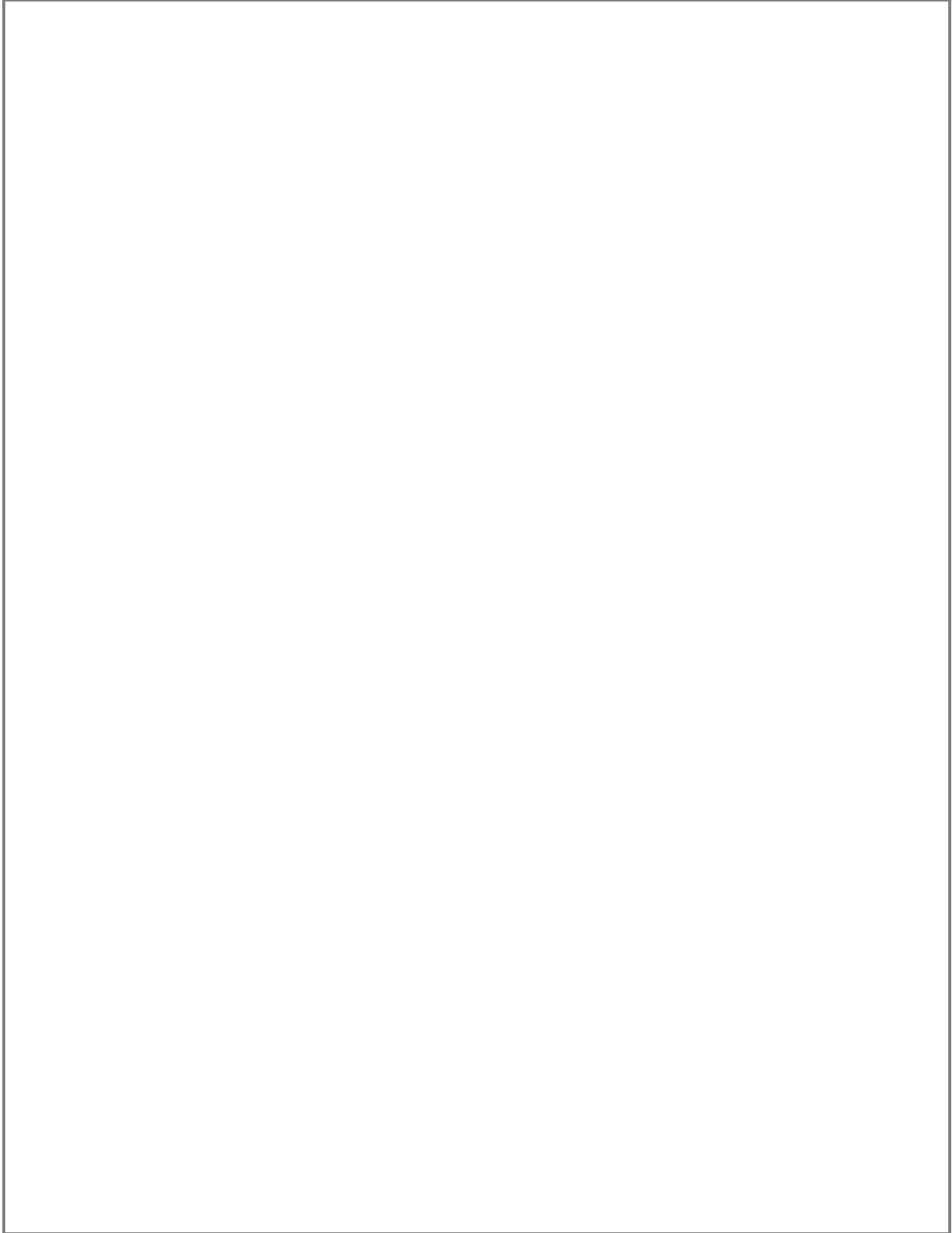


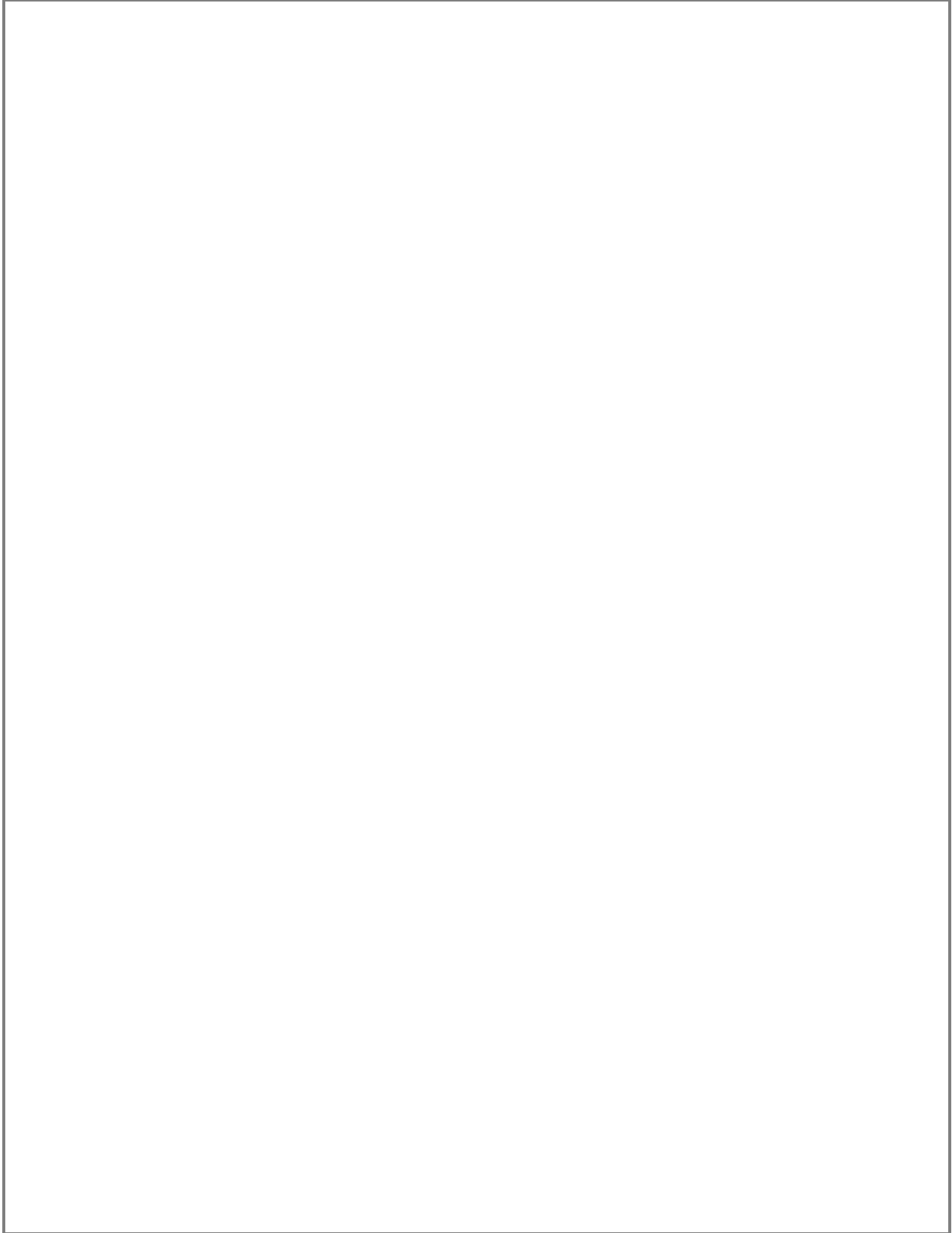


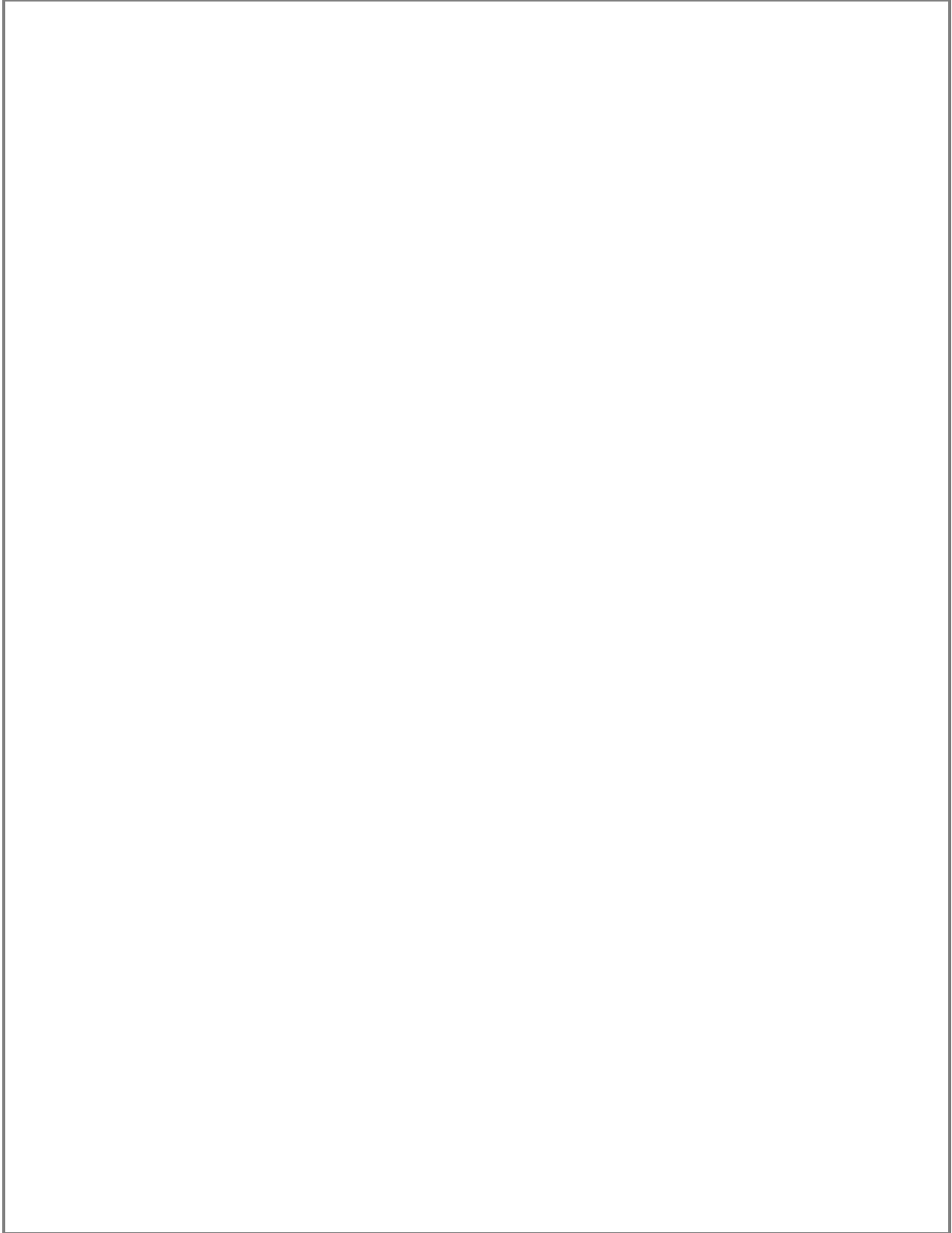


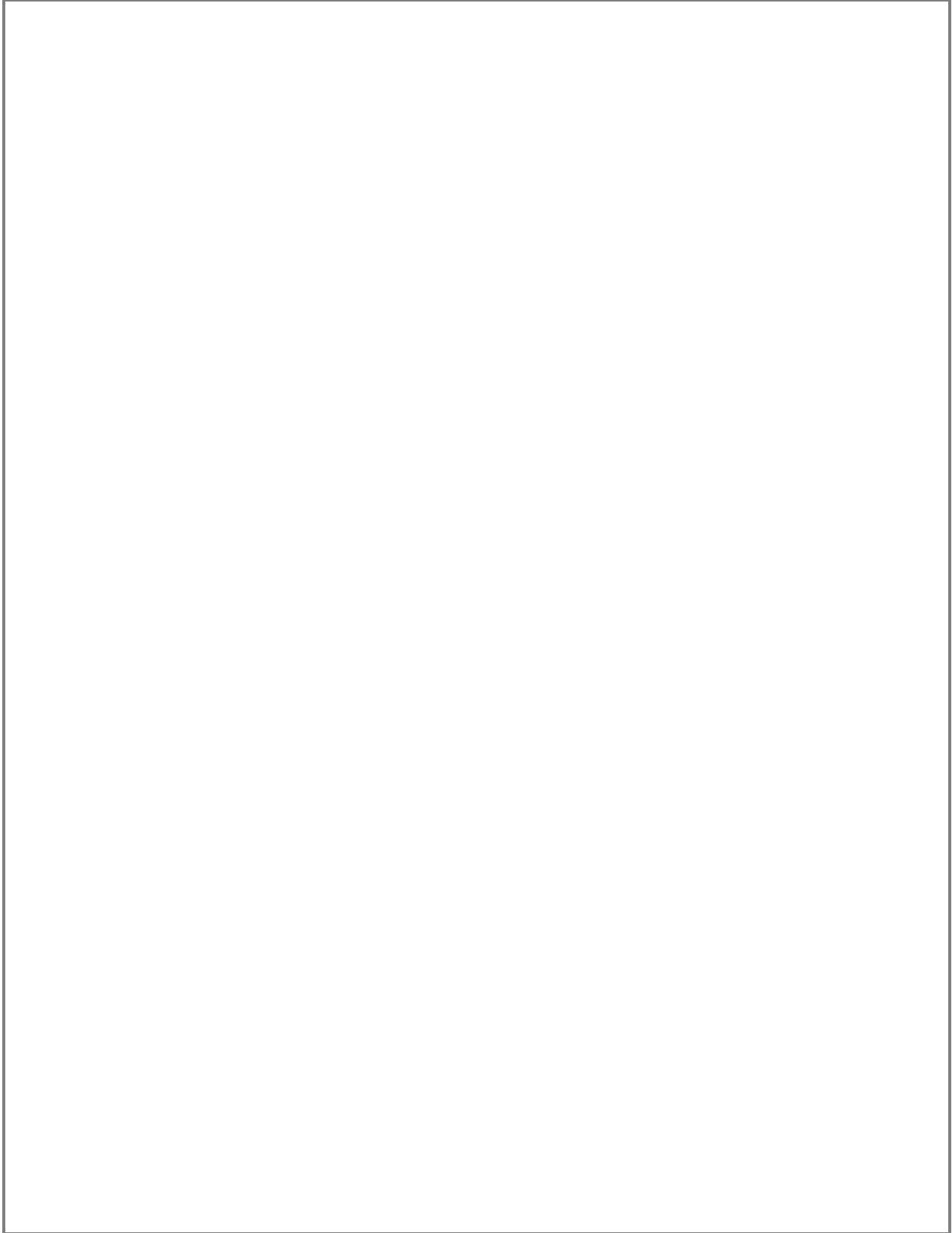


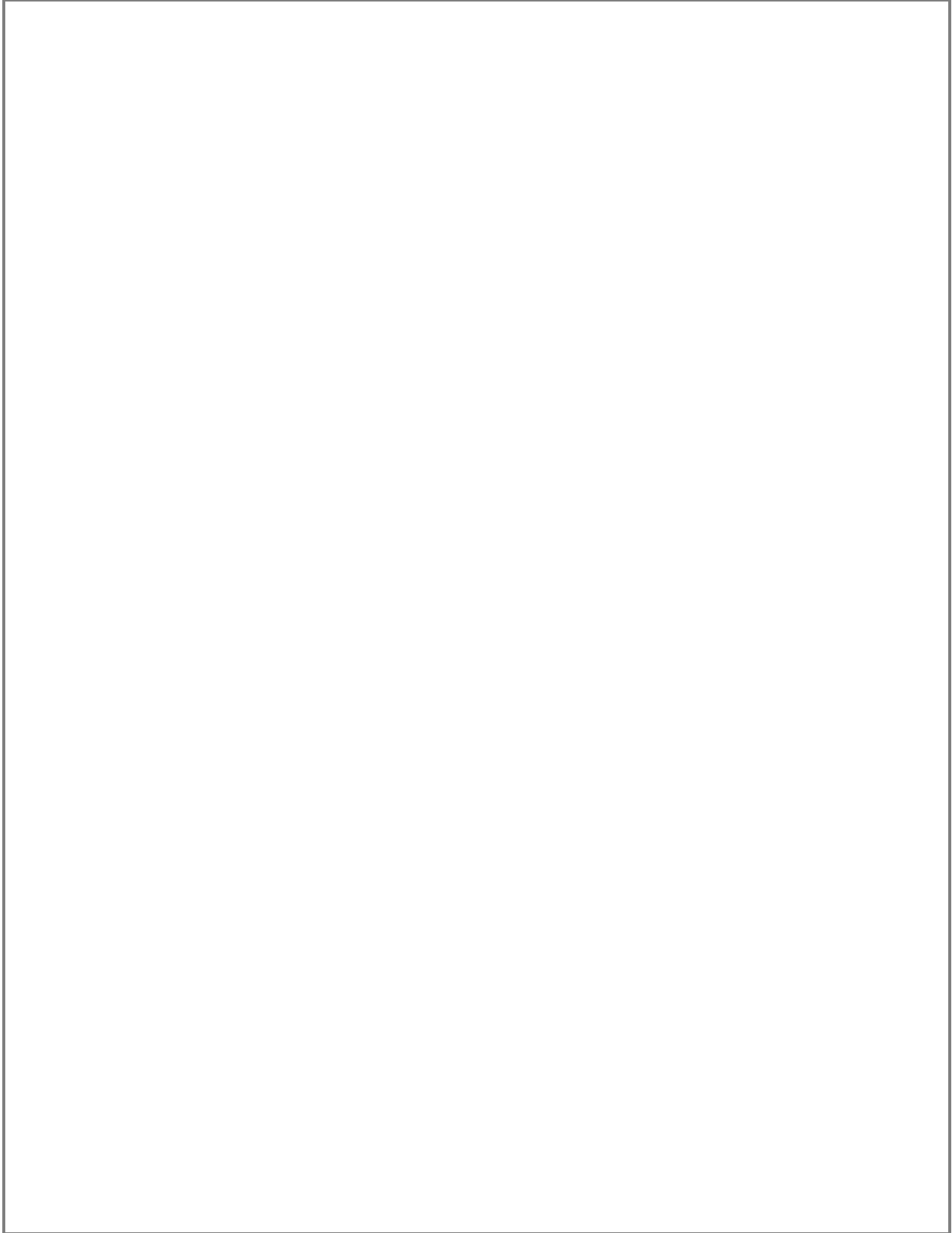


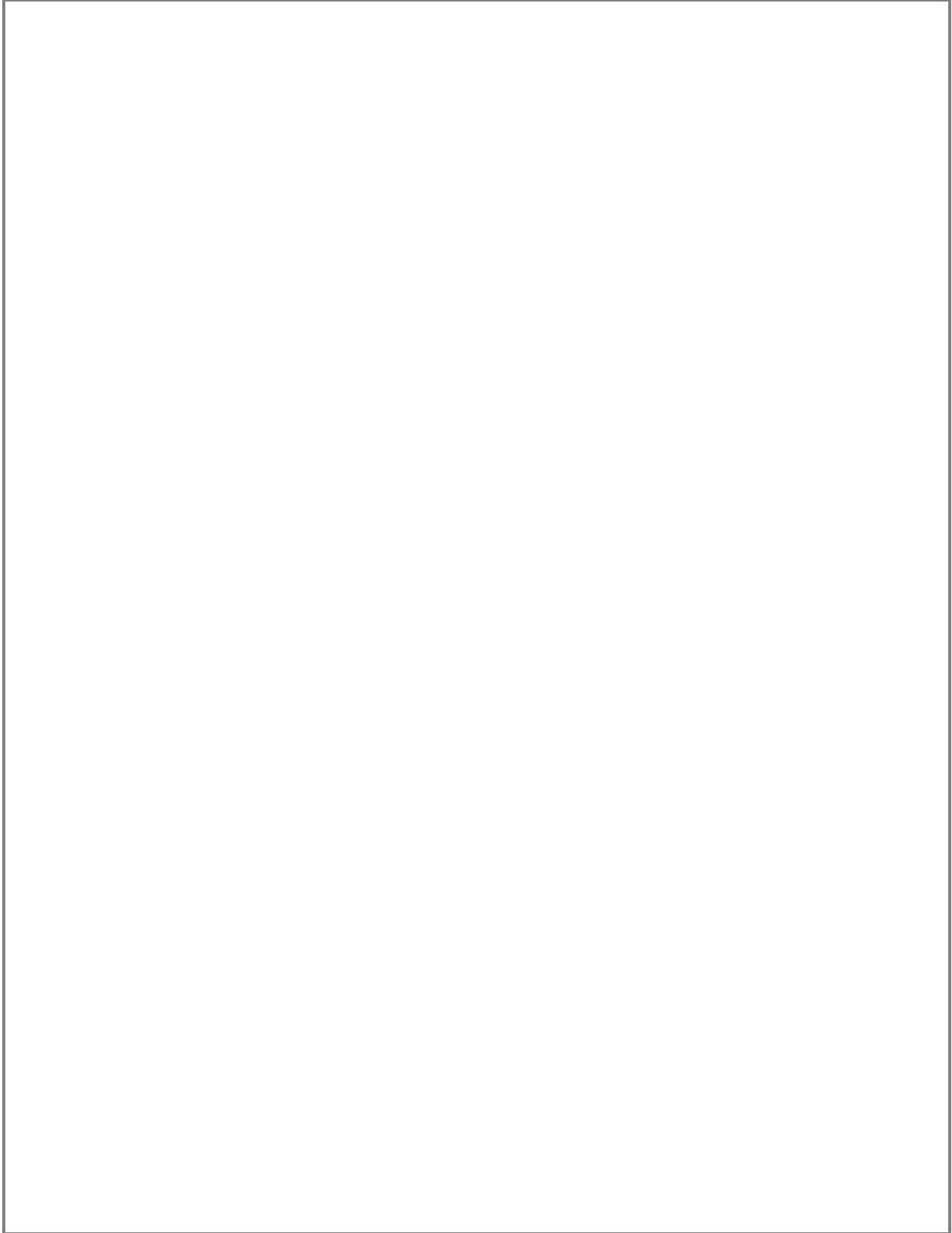


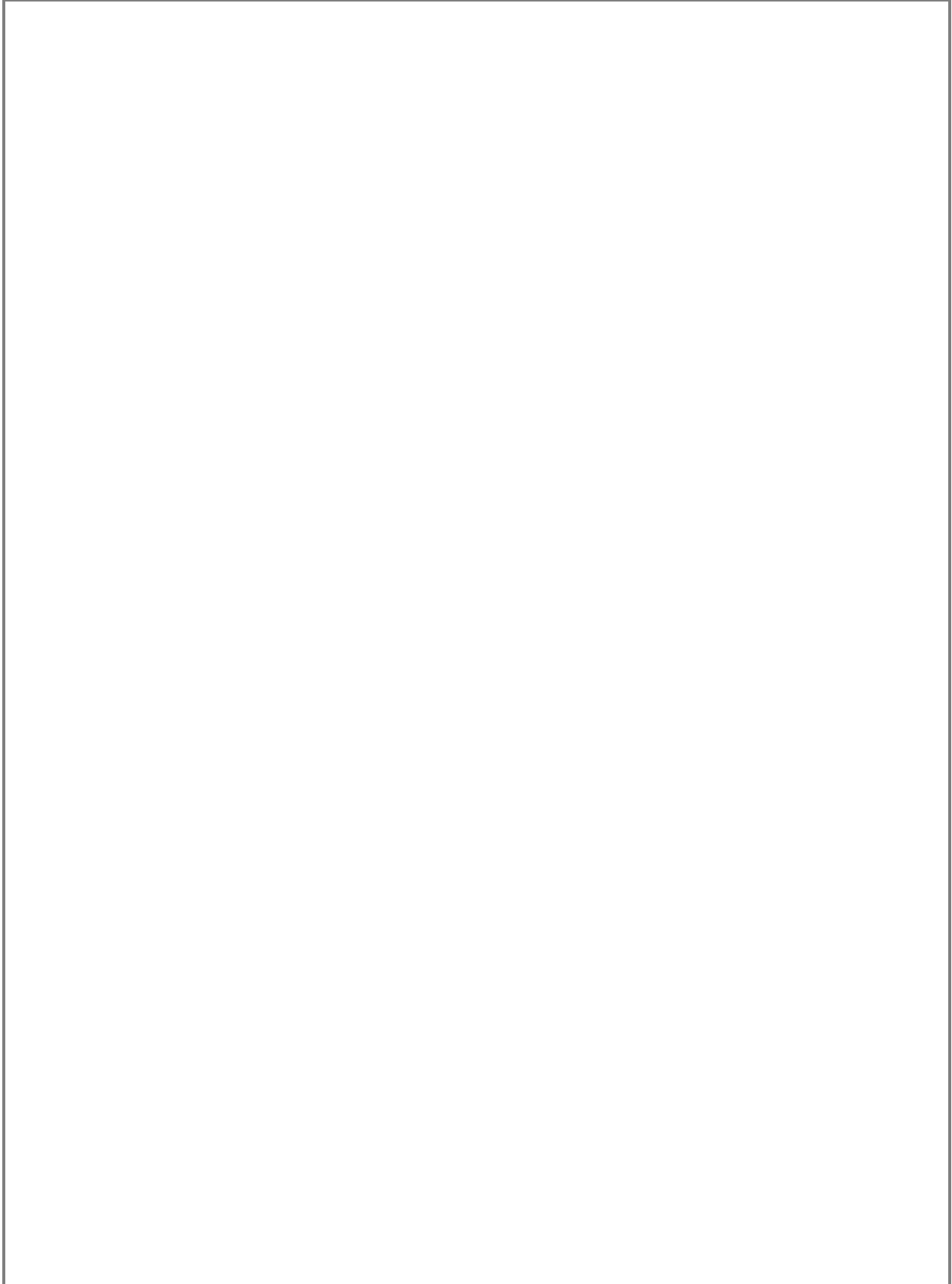




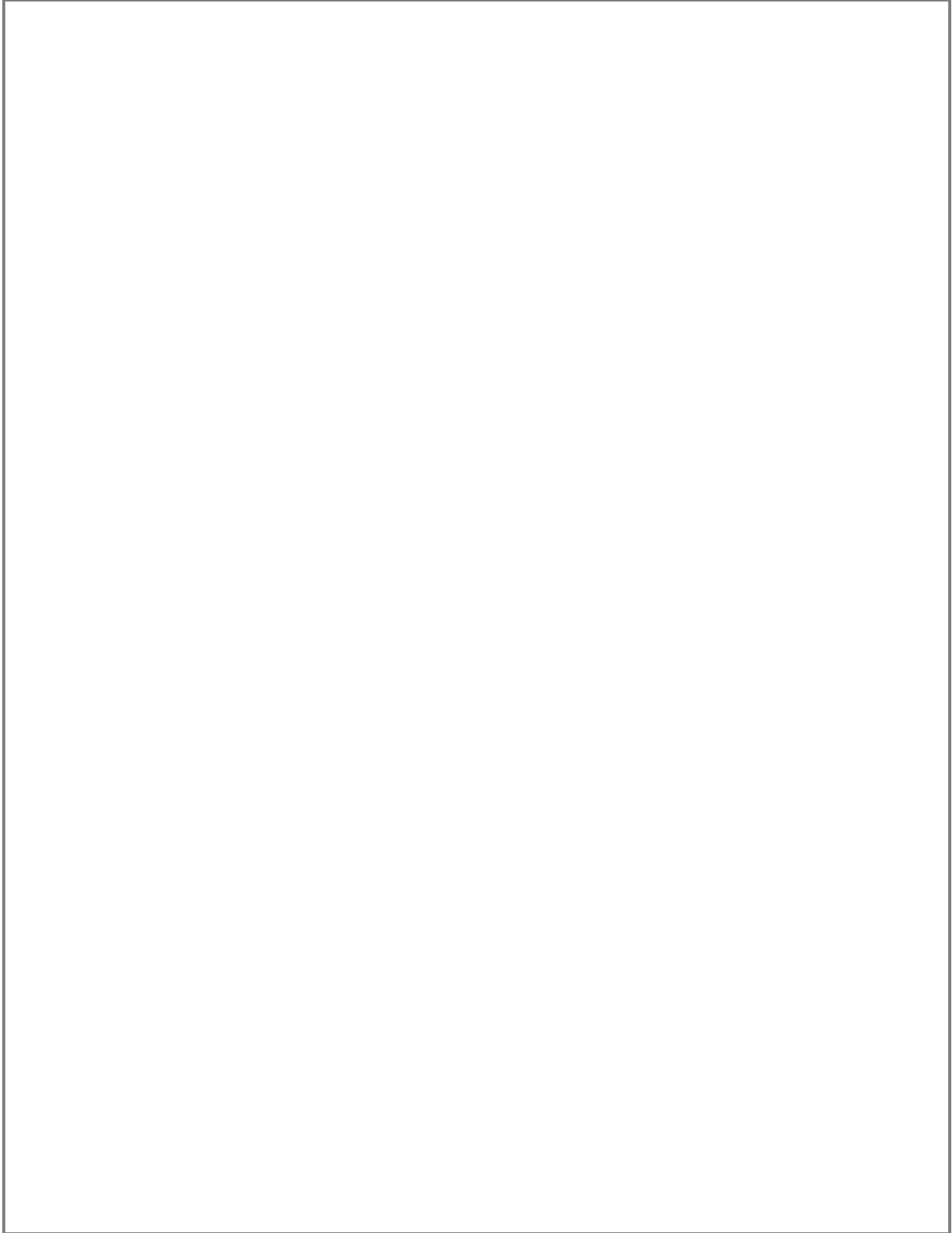


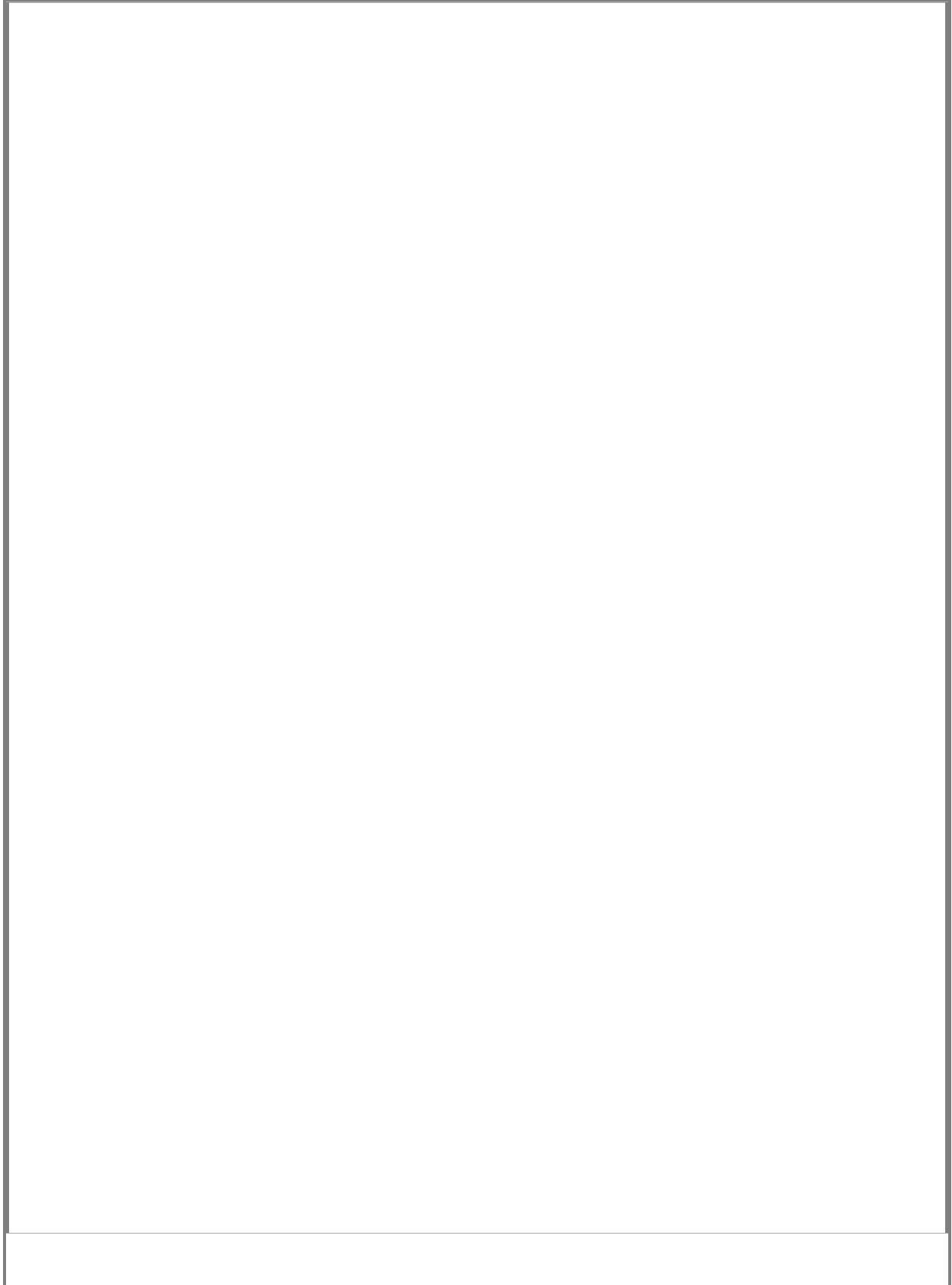


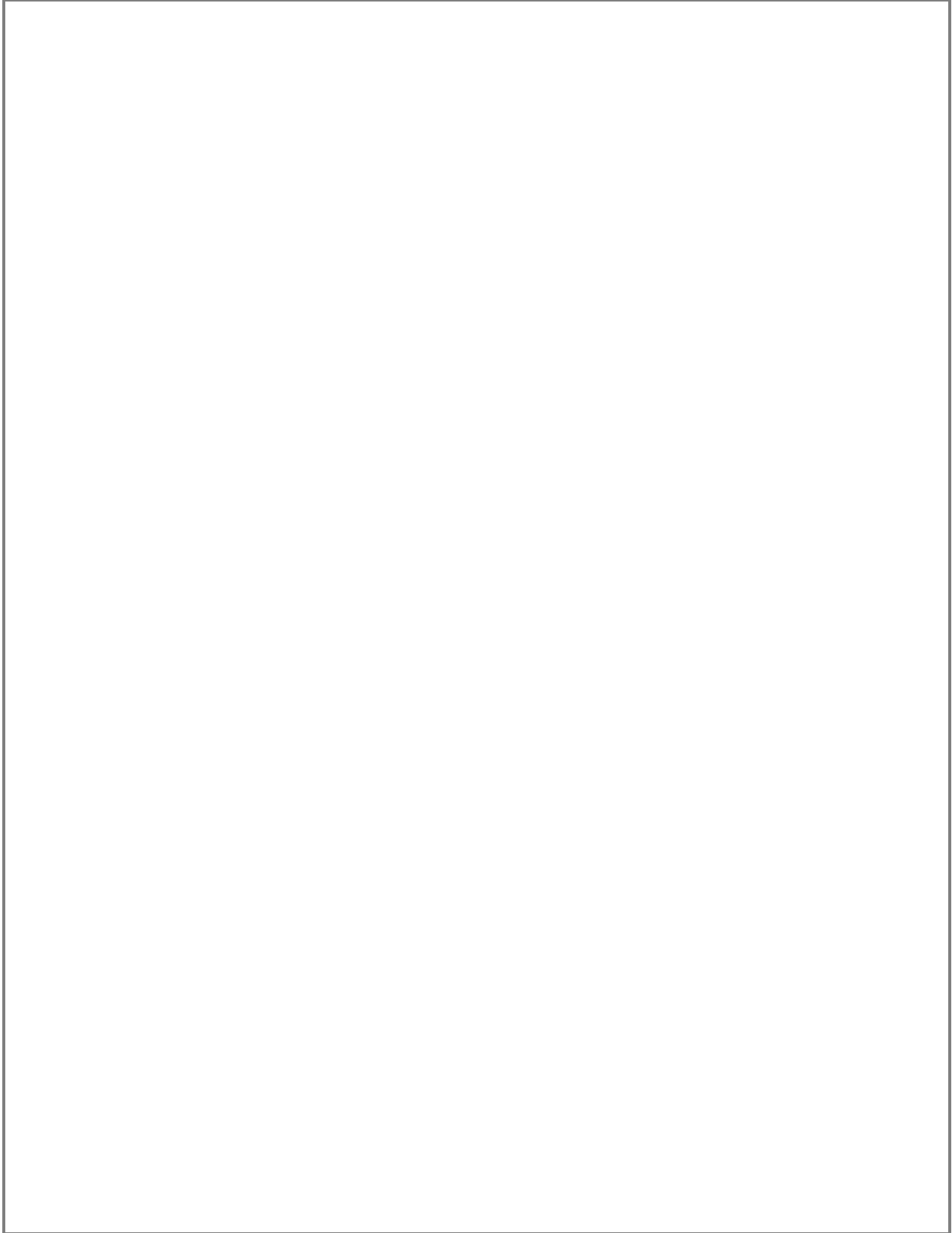


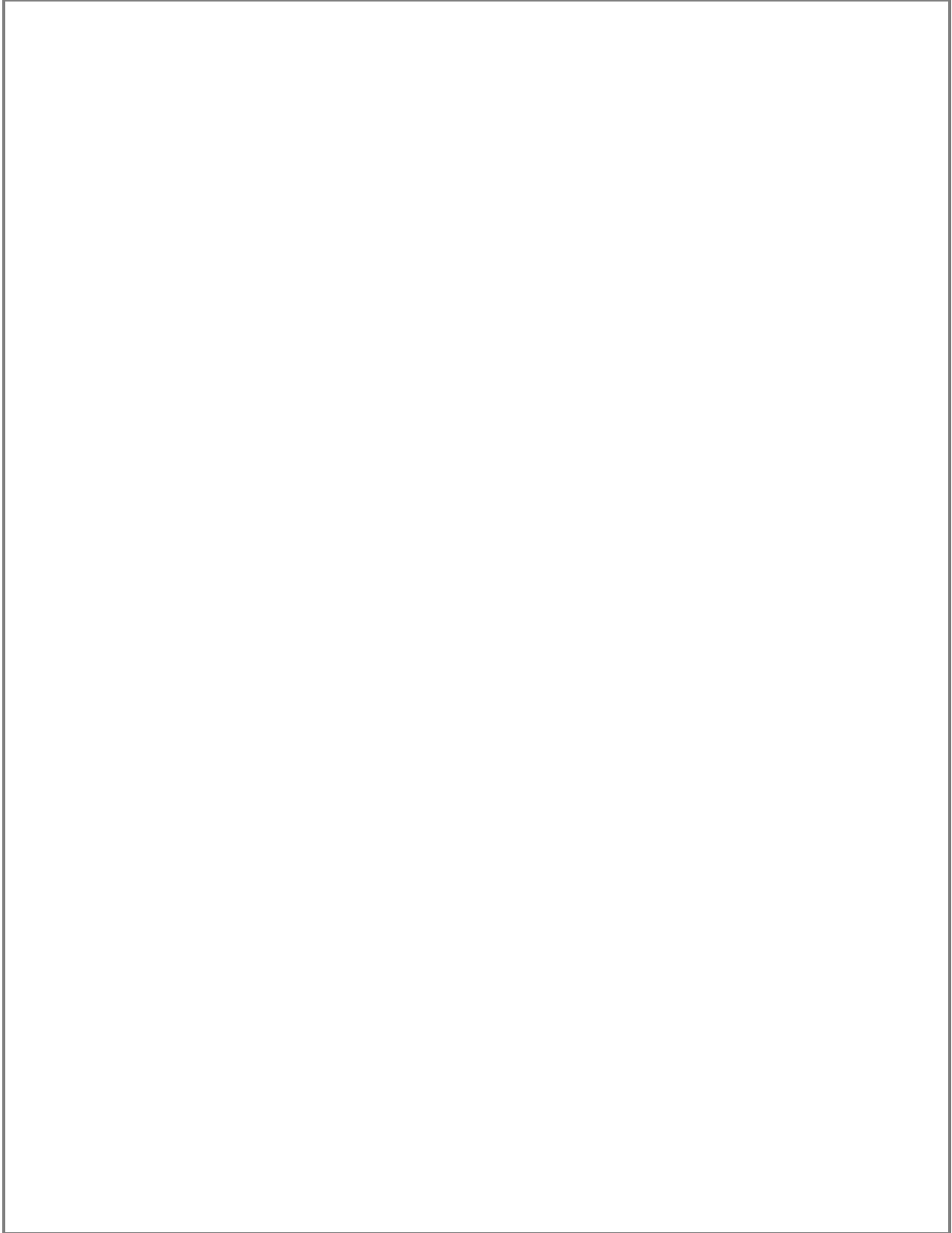


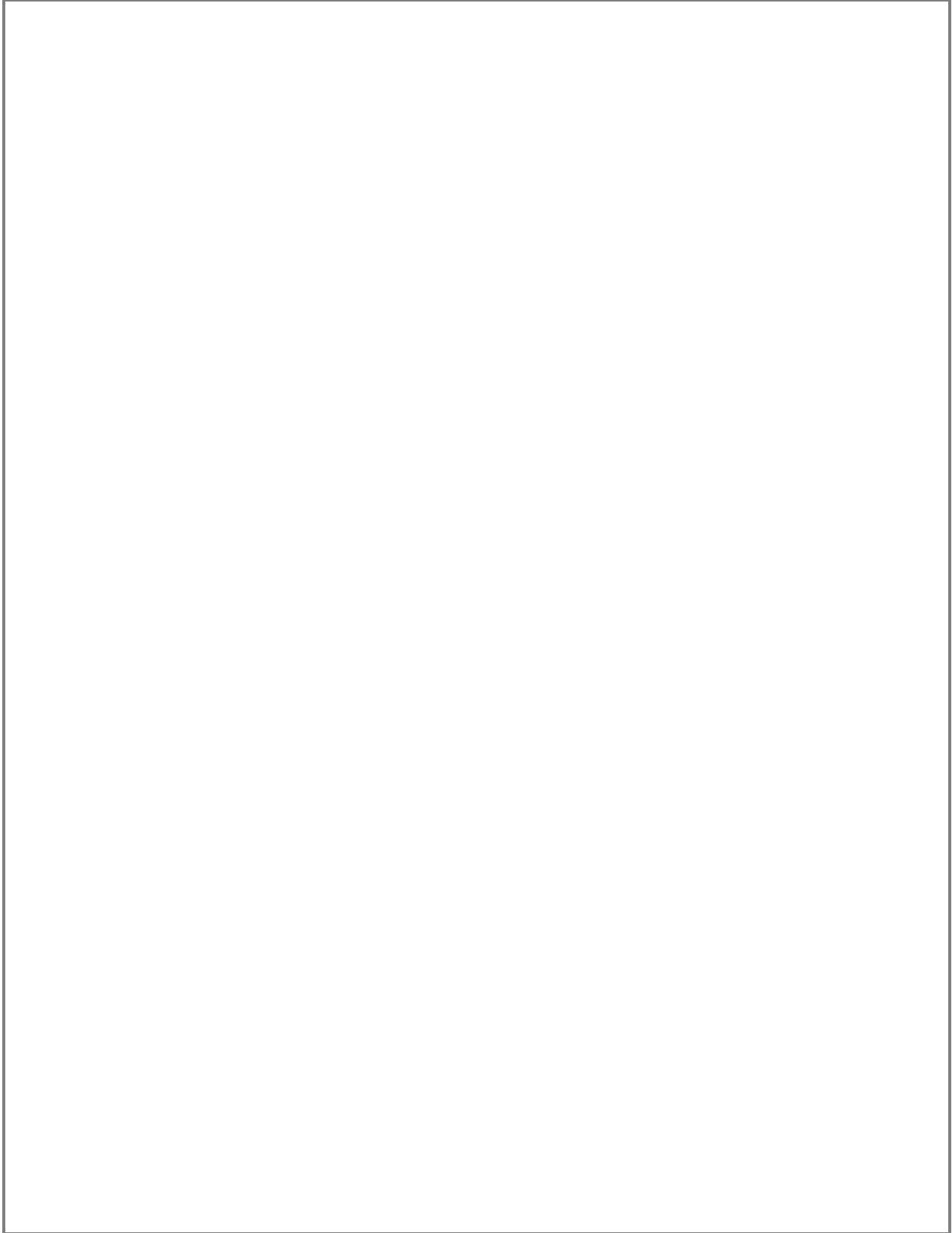


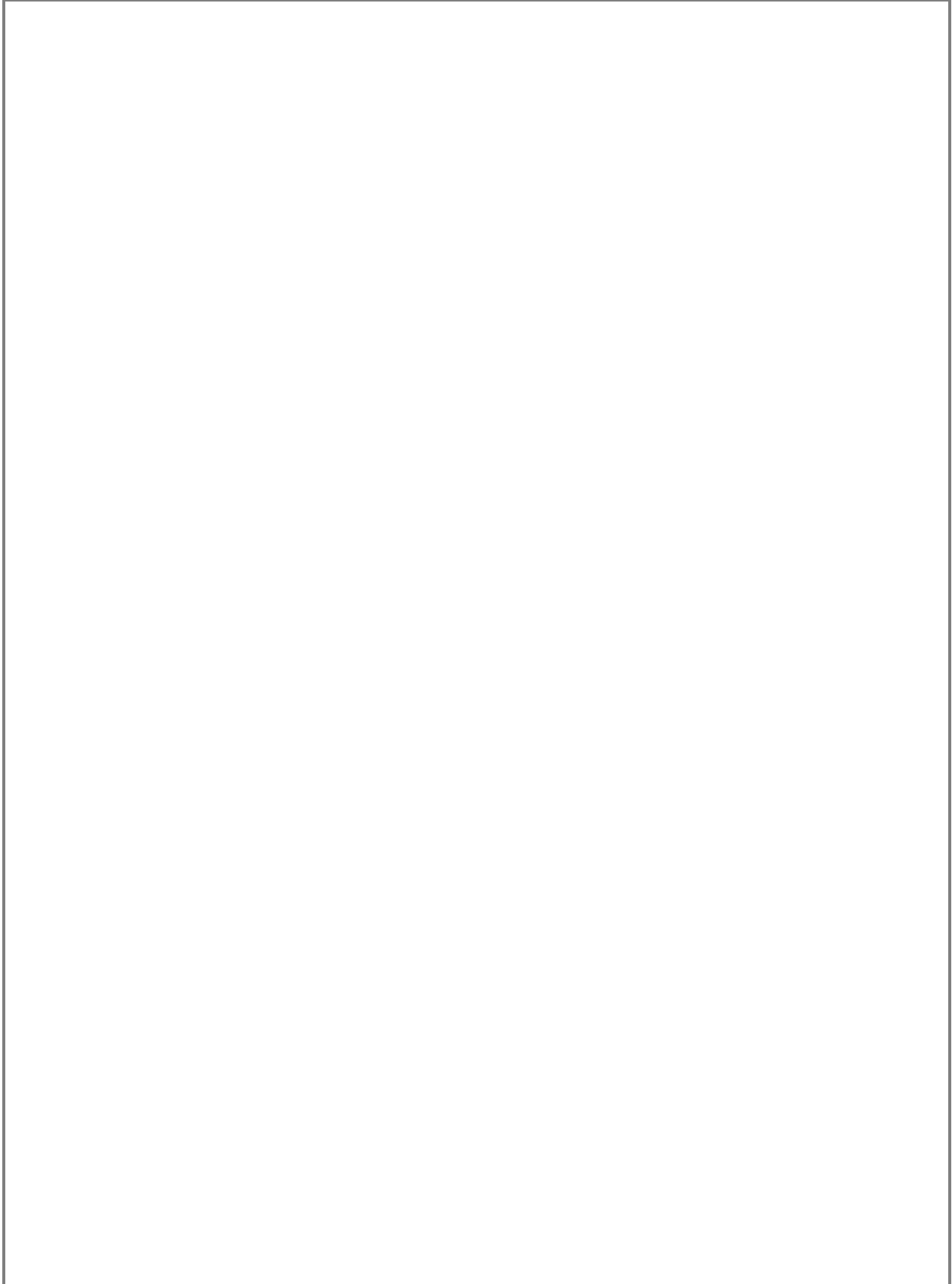


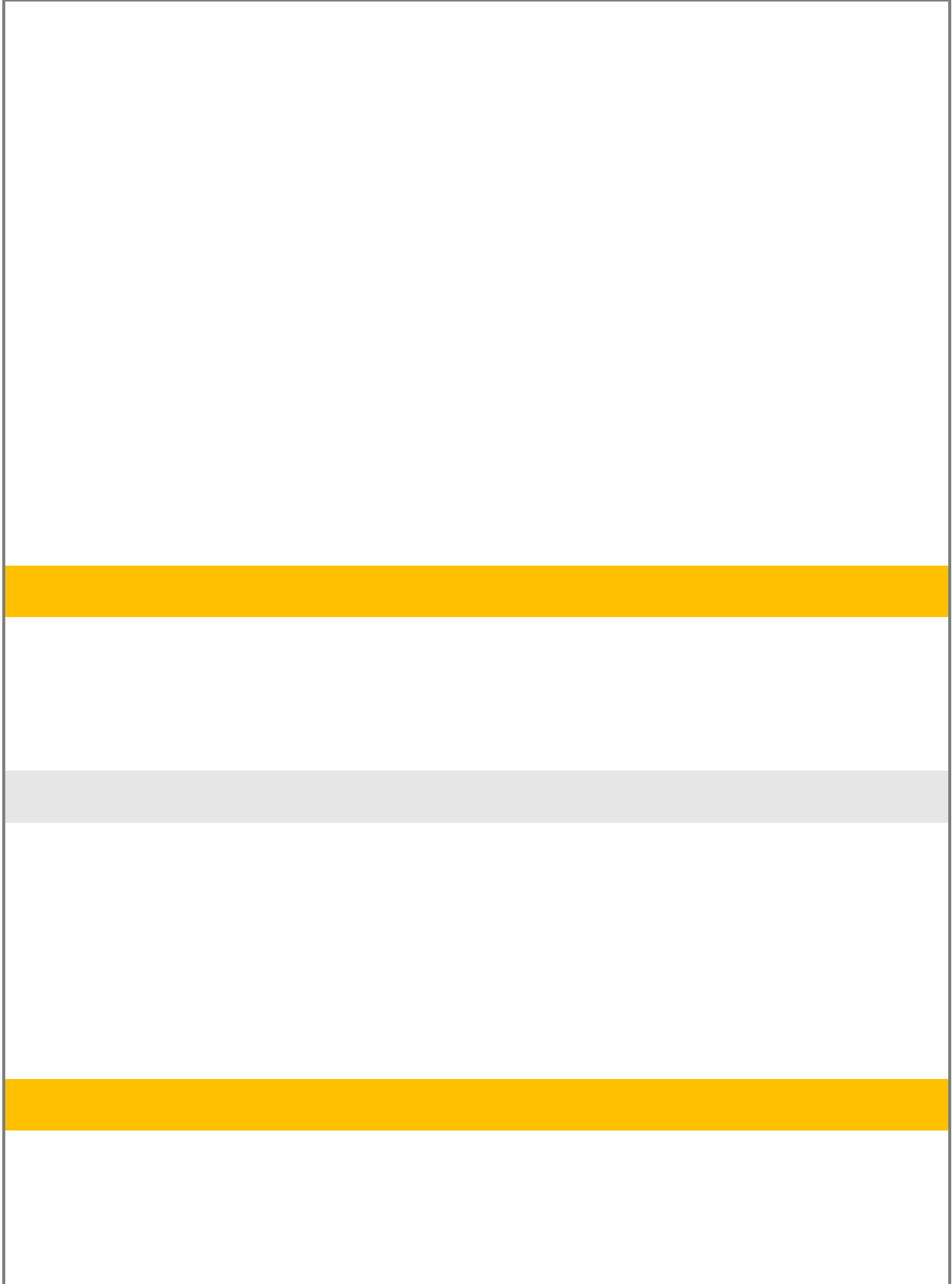












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## MY PLAN TO “PAY IT FORWARD”

In our community, and all over the world, there is a great need for a great many of things. Being able to help those in need raises awareness and

hope in the community and gives us, as individuals, the opportunity to reflect on our own needs versus those of others. We would like to hear from

you! Take some time to reflect on the needs of your community. This will take some time and research on your part. Read your local newspaper,

talk to a teacher or friend and choose a non-profit /charitable organization you feel you can impact the most in your community or the world.

Think of it as a business plan for your soul!

**Note:** It is important to find something that touches your heart and you are passionate about. For instance, if you love animals, help at a local animal

shelter. If you relate to being hungry or even homeless, find a shelter or food bank you can support. The most important thing is that you connect

to your community and know that you are making a difference.

### Here are some ideas for you to get started:

#### Collect and donate goods:

Check with a local charity, church, shelter, humane society or orphanage if they need anything.

- Non-perishable food, hygiene items, clothing or toys they are in need of.
- Check around your house and see if there are things that are gently used/loved but no longer needed.
- Check with neighbors, let them know what you are doing and ask if they can help.
- Collect treats, magazines, and hygiene items for soldiers deployed overseas or something to remind them of home.

#### Donate your time:

Check with a local charity, church, shelter, humane society or orphanage if they need volunteers. Every little bit helps.

- Sweeping, Mopping or reorganizing can help considerably when it comes to redistributing goods.
- Support local military personnel through USO or other local non-profits.

### Additional Great Resources

The Watertown Urban Mission

The Salvation Army

### Make note of the information you find, it will help you complete your Plan to pay it forward!

Name of Organization:

Who you spoke with:

Address:

Phone Number:

What they do, what are their goals:

What they need help with:

Commitment (How many hours a month and for how long):

Age requirements, if any:

Do they have an orientation, If so, When:

Additional Information:

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**\*HANDWRITTEN BY THE APPLICANT ONLY. Each question must be answered in essay format 5 to 7 sentences in length.**

**Who:** Name of organization. Type of organization, who did you speak with? What is their mission statement? What are their short and long term goals? Etc.

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**What:** What does the organization need help with? What will you be doing? Are there other volunteers? Do they have orientation? Etc.

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**When:** When will you volunteer? What hours and days will you be there? What commitment is required by the organization, if any? What amount of time

have you committed to volunteering? Etc.

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**Where:** Where is the organization located? Is there more than one office? Do they have different departments? Which department will you be working in?

are there other departments you would be interested in volunteering in? Etc.

**How:** How will you get to your organization? Do you have a backup plan? Are there ways you will prevent being late or missing the commitment you made

to the organization? Etc.

**Why:** What is most important to you about helping this organization? Do you have a story that relates to why you want to help them? Etc.


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**EXAMPLE**

**Who:**  
I spoke with Jane Doe at “Lost Dogs” which is a local animal shelter in Boise, Idaho. Jane is the manager at lost dogs. There are a lot of things she needs help with at the facility. Their mission statement says “A kindhearted society is where animals are respected, cared for and valued.” I think it’s very accurate because all animals should be loved. They currently house 52 cats and 27 dogs. They want to help at least 10 animals find a home by the end of the month and to match at least 100 animals with adoption families a year. In the next three years they would like to open another Lost Dogs animal shelter in Lewiston, Idaho.

**What:**  
When I spoke with Jane Doe at Lost Dogs, she said that she needs help with things like changing food and water dishes. I will also be able to pet the animals and take them for walks or to the play area outside. They have several kids my age who are also volunteers. Their next orientation is on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 1:00pm. That is when I will learn more about Lost Dogs and have a better idea of what I will be doing at the shelter. Once I am trained, I will be able to help wash and shampoo the dogs. I hope that next year, when I am old enough, I will be able to volunteer as a Kennel Assistant.

**Where:**  
The Lost Dogs shelter is located at 1234 Main street, Boise, Idaho 10445. There are several departments within Lost Dogs that take care of many different needs of the animals that live there. The media department, for example, they help raise money for the shelter so they can buy food and supplies. There is also an education and community department which helps put the word out about the importance of spaying and neutering your animals. I will be working in the caring for animals department and as a small animal room assistant.

**When:**  
Lost Dogs animal shelter asks that we commit to at least eight hours of volunteering a month, for at least six months. This is because it takes

time to train the volunteers and they need people they can count on. I have committed to serve a minimum of four hours every weekend. I will

arrive at Lost Dogs at 10:00 am and leaving at 2:00 pm. I will do this for at least ten months. If time allows, I would like to volunteer more hours

during the summer. Mrs. Doe says that more animals show up during summer months, so there is more that needs to be done. There is also more

that needs to be done because most of the fundraising and community events happen in July, August and September.

**How:**

My aunt works at Lost Dogs. She will take me to the shelter on the weekends so I can volunteer. My mom and dad have also agreed to help take

me on the weekends when my aunt cannot. I have money kept in my room to take the bus just in case my aunt or parents cannot take me. Maybe,

I will meet new friends and we can arrange a carpool to help my parents out with the cost and time of travel. I will do everything I can to fulfill my

commitment because I understand what it means to pay it forward and that Lost Dogs is counting on me and so are the animals.

**Why:**

I love animals! I think they are amazing. I am really looking forward to volunteering at lost dogs. Last year, we had lost our cat Fluffy. We looked

everywhere for him, we even posted flyers and asked neighbors if they had seen him. It was really sad because I have had fluffy since I was two and

I was worried he wouldn't come home. Thankfully, Mom called Lost Dogs about a week later to find that someone had brought fluffy to the shelter.

It was the wonderful people at Lost Dogs who had taken such good care of him. I want to be a part of caring for animals while their families are

trying to find them and bring them home. I know how much it meant to me etc....