

MOLLY SMITH **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I cannot thank you enough. My husband and I have worked tirelessly to maintain schedules that enable our three kids (11 months, 4 years, and 9 years) to stay home and out of daycare. Since starting graduate school, I have continued working 24-hour workweeks to keep up with financial responsibilities. When I am not working, my husband is, leaving naptimes and nighttime my only studying opportunities. This scholarship enables me to work less, study more, and be more present when spending time with my family. I cannot thank you enough. Your generosity is inspiring and brings me one step closer to successfully completing the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. After which I will give back to help others achieve their dreams, much like you have done for me.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will enable me the ability to focus more on my school work and spend higher quality (less distracted) time with me family, and worry less about financial hardship.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I received my BSN from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. While I loved the program and faculty, the required classroom hours for the AGACNP program was not feasible for my family's busy schedule. After doing my research I found nothing but amazing aspects and remarks about the TTUHSC online program. I've always been nervous about online learning however everyone I have spoken with who has completed an online graduate level nursing program through TTUHSC, has specifically commented on the incredible organization of the program and availability of all the faculty. After just 1.5 semesters into my program, I can confidently say I agree and am so proud to be a Red Raider.



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HOLLY BUCHANAN

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I appreciate the scholarship so much and I am so grateful for this opportunity. I also plan on going to graduate school and this scholarship has helped motivate me to continue to reach my goals and that money shouldn't stop me from reaching them.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

It will help relieve some financial stress as I do not have any other scholarships and have to take out loans currently.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I toured it while I was a Junior in high school and I fell in love with the facility and everyone was so nice to me while I was there and I knew I could see myself as a student their one day!



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HANNAH CASADONTE SCHOOL OF NURSING

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to first say thank you so much for being so humble and kind to give so generously to students. I am beyond blessed to have the opportunity to be able to have received this scholarship. It will help so much reduce the financial burden of tuition and in turn continue to give me more time to study. The semesters are so hectic it is very hard to work full time or even part time. This scholarship will reduce the stress of having to work more hours and will let me have more time I can dedicate to my studies. Again, I thank you so much for your generosity, I appreciate it more than words can say. Wreck em!

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me continue to fund my schooling as I work towards my BSN. It will not only financially help my family and I but also mentally allow me to focus more on my classes. I am beyond grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the coming semester.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC for many reasons. The reputation and 95-100% NCLEX passing rate had me confident before I even applied to Texas Tech. My high school tour that I look before I decided I wanted to attend Tech was what sealed the deal. The welcoming atmosphere and genuine interest that the counselors and other students had towards my family and I was something that I appreciated tremendously. I picked Abilene especially because of the smaller class size so I could have more 1:1 with my professors. I am blown away at the staff's love, dedication, and support they continue to give all of the TTUHSC students, regardless of the campus. They want their students to be successful and doing an amazing job preparing us for the nursing field.



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ASHLEY SARVER SCHOOL OF NURSING

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

It is with the utmost gratitude that I accept the St. David's Foundation Scholarship. I have dreamt of becoming a nurse for nearly twenty years, and your very generous award is a huge blessing to me and my family as I move forward in school without the income from my previous career. Thank you for lifting a huge financial burden off my shoulders, I will remember your benevolence always in my studies, and in my new career as a nurse.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This very generous scholarship will help my family and myself tremendously as we become a one income family during my year of nursing school. I have so much gratitude for the large financial burden this scholarship has lifted off my shoulders. I know this gift will allow me to focus more fully on my studies and I hope to pay it forward as I help others in my new career.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because I truly believe it is the best accelerated second degree program in Texas. I believe that the clinical hours required of the ABSN program thoroughly prepare students for real world nursing and I know that the reputation of graduates from TTUHSC is stellar. I worked very hard to earn acceptance into this program and I am proud to be a student of TTUHSC.



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ADAM LINDEN **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

It is an honor to be awarded such a large scholarship. Financial burdens of school can be a huge source of stress and take focus away from scholastic excellence. It confirms to me that hard work pays off and this gift will allow me to remain vigilant in my schoolwork. Thank you for your consideration and role in helping me achieve my goals.

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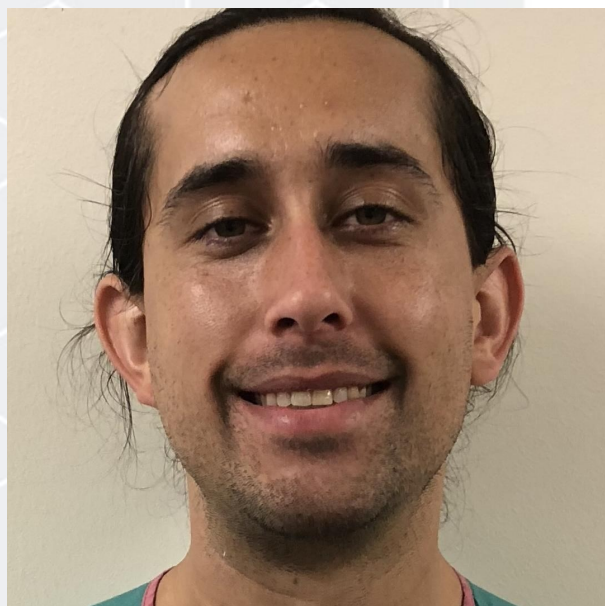
How to pay for a higher education is one of the most difficult tasks to accomplish. This scholarship will enable me to achieve my goal of becoming a nurse without the financial burden that is school tuition.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC has a one of a kind accelerated BSN program that accepts veterans into the fold. Their nursing program is also highly regarded in Texas as being one of the best programs with a high first time pass rate for the NCLEX and a rigorous clinical portion.



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LOGAN LEAL

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I was honestly speechless to receive the honors of this incredible scholarship. I cannot thank you enough for the recognition and financial support having been rewarded with the St. David's Foundation Scholarship. The opportunity to be recognized for my character and academic achievements will forever live in my heart as I move forward in my career. It will build confidence moving forward as I challenge myself in my own practice as a nurse. I hope to continue my education within TTUHSC as a nurse practitioner outreaching to communities unable to seek medical care.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The recognition of this scholarship will be forever felt as I discover a deeper understanding and importance in the field of nursing. The immediate assistance financially will alleviate a burden allowing me to readily focus on my studies and further my education. This program provides an opportunity to expand upon a vast amount of knowledge in a short period of time. That means balancing priorities. I have been unable to work since the end of the Spring semester. The St. David's Foundation Scholarship provides unbelievable financial support as I move forward in this program.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to pursue an Accelerated Second-Degree BSN at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center because of the 'value-based culture' amongst its constituents and the commitment to excellence in care for all patients and community members. TTUHSC is recognized on core measures that foster an environment of growth and development centered around traits of empathy, respect, and acceptance. This prestigious university stands by the same principles I strive to embody every day. Whether in the hospital or amongst by peers and fellow civilians, providing a resilient yet kindhearted hand directly coincides with why I chose TTUHSC to begin my journey.



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HOLLI HESS

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to say thank you in the most sincerest form. I have worked extremely hard to get into this program and to maintain and very high GPA. When I found out that my undergraduate government student loans had reached their maximum, I was not sure if I would be able to continue on in the program. Because of this foundation, I will be able to continue with my studies without financial worries. I will forever be grateful to The St. David's Foundation for their support and allowing me to continue on with my dreams.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The TTUHSC Second Degree bachelors' program is not only demanding in terms of time, but also financially. This scholarship will help me by allowing me to focus on my studies and other school commitments rather than focusing on the logistics of continuing on in this incredibly intense and challenging program. This scholarship will also help me to get one step closer to achieving my goals and will allow me to maximize my learning experience. After graduation, I plan on working in a critical care setting with pediatric clients or neonates.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

When it came to selecting a program, I knew I wanted to apply to a program that recognized my previous degree. There are a few colleges in Texas that offer second degree programs. After much research, TTUHSC was my first choice in schools because of their notoriety around the state for graduating excellent nurses and for the 100% NCLEX pass rate in the Second-Degree BSN program. It was also encouraging to see how competitive the second-degree program is to be accepted into.



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LAUREL SUNDE **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am writing to thank you for selecting me as a St. David's Foundation Scholarship recipient. I was very excited to learn that I was selected as a recipient from so many applicants. I find it difficult to adequately express my profound gratitude. I feel humbled and blessed by your confidence and investment in me to provide support as I continue to pursue excellence in my studies (and life).

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

By awarding me this scholarship, you have allowed me to focus on my studies by decreasing my financial hardship. This current semester is particularly challenging with the rigors of two classes (6 units), the addition of clinical hours, fulltime work, volunteering in our community, and being a support to my husband and family as they pursue their own dreams. Many times the scheduled test times and clinical hours conflict with work hours requiring me to take time off from work reducing my monthly income.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

As a 2012 TTUHSC 2nd Degree nursing student graduate, I am now pursuing further studies as a family nurse practitioner. I was well prepared for nursing after graduating from TTUHSC in 2012 with my BSN degree. I am so thankful for the professionalism and compassion of the faculty I have had the privilege to work within the pursuit of my FNP. The faculty and staff are accessible, encouraging, and truly are interested in the success of each student. I feel honored to have the opportunity to work with such dedicated educators.

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LORI KUMAR

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I could not be more ecstatic to receive this award! Upon hearing of this honor, my family and I cannot be more grateful and appreciative. A little about myself. I graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in May 2019 with my BSN and received my RN License at the end of June. With the start of the BSN to DNP program in September, I focused the two months ahead of me as a once-in-a-lifetime learning period. I took this time to travel, enjoy the company of loved ones, and ready myself for my next adventure at Texas Tech.

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As a BSN to DNP nursing student in the psychiatric-mental health track, I plan to use the knowledge I gain from this program and the responsibility held by a nurse practitioner to pay my debts forward through my work. Simply said, winning a scholarship will allow ease and opportunity. I strongly believe to greet each day the way it has greeted you, with open arms and endless possibility. To be awarded this scholarship helps me fulfill my educational aspirations.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I am blessed to be part of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) BSN to DNP Program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to create an impact on the future of psychiatric healthcare. I have sharpened my leadership skills, critical thinking capabilities, and how to be an effective treatment team member through my experiences, both in work and through this program. A PMH-DNP degree opens doors for me to do what I love - providing patient care in a mental health setting driven by prevention and education.



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ALEXANDRA CISZEK

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am writing to thank you for selecting me as a St. David's Foundation Scholarship recipient. I was very excited and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient from so many applicants. As a BSN-DNP nursing student, I plan to pursue further studies as a doctoral-prepared family nurse practitioner upon graduating from the TTUHSC School of Nursing.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to cut back my full-time work hours as an emergency room nurse in order to have more time for my course work. It has lessened the financial burden of decreasing my work hours. I will have more time to research my doctoral project subject, the implementation of a human trafficking tool. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity towards me.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to go to TTUHSC because I like being part of a diverse student body. TTUHSC has a very strong school of sciences, and I wanted to study under one of the best schools in the country. This school also offers the BSN-DNP FNP specialization I was seeking, and I wanted a solid education in order to practice the best evidence-based care. I also want to maximize my post-college opportunities while still in school and TTUHSC has a vast alumni network.

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JENNIFER SHAW SCHOOL OF NURSING

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am overwhelmed by the generosity of this financial gift. I hope that I may pay it forward one day and help others to achieve their goals. Thank you for the recognition, I am truly honored.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship is an incredibly generous gift that will enable me to continue pursuing higher education and ultimately be of service to my community. I currently work full-time as an oncology nurse and part-time at a psychiatric hospital on the weekends to be able support myself in the fast growing city of Austin, Texas. This scholarship will allow me to scale back the amount of hours at my second job to focus on learning as much as I can while obtaining my bachelor's degree at Texas Tech University Health Science Center. I plan to apply for graduate school at Texas Tech next year to hopefully realize my dream and become a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

The structure of the program, the online courses, and the recommendations from alumni.

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OSCAR BUENTELLO

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WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

My military friends told me that TTUHSC was a military friendly school and that they wouldn't fault me for my sciences being taken longer than 5 years ago.



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JESSICA REYES SCHOOL OF NURSING

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to express how grateful I am to have been chosen for this scholarship. Your commitment to helping students is truly inspiring to me, and I hope one day I can help students, too. This help will allow me become the first in my family to graduate with a college degree, and that in itself is so special to me. I want to also inspire and help guide other first generation students to seek healthcare related careers and show them that anything is possible. My parents wanted me to also express how thankful they are and how happy they are that I received this scholarship. I can assure you that with this help I will strive for and become the best nurse that I can be.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me continue my education and graduate from the TTUHSC School of Nursing. It will help me get one step closer to achieving my dream of becoming a nurse practitioner one day. This scholarship will also allow me to beat the odds and become a first generation college graduate.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of its highly respected and rigorous nursing program. I like that TTUHSC allows for opportunities to learn to inter-professionally work with a team. I feel that it prepares us for the workforce and produces high quality nurses.

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