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**REBECCA HENDERSON**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Coming from a small town in Colorado, I knew that an occupation like this would benefit the community do much. I saw that there was a lack of pediatric occupational therapists and knew that I wanted to help those who need it the most. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me the opportunity to be able to attend the school of my dreams and making it possible for me to pay for it.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds will wave the out of state tuition meaning that I will not have to work extra to help pay off my student loans. I solely will be paying for my education, so this allows me to stay focused on competing my school work to the best of my abilities.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I attended Texas Tech University for my undergraduate degree and have wanted to go to school to be an occupational therapist. I heard many good things about TTUHSC and decided to take a look into it. A girl from my home town in Colorado was a part of the MOT program while I was looking at applying. After talking with her and learning how wonderful the program was, I knew that this was the place for me.



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**MATTHEW SCOTT**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you dearly for your generosity. Because of your donation, I will now be able to pay off student loans quicker which brings me closer to my dream of opening a physical therapy clinic in an underserved area. It is important to invest in future clinicians, and I hope to be in the position one day where I can do the same. Your generosity will extend far beyond student loan payments, and I am extremely grateful for that.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to focus solely on my education without the additional financial stress of student loans. I will now be able to afford extra study materials as I prepare to sit for the NPTE board exam. These funds will also help in paying off student loans which jumpstarts my goal of opening a physical therapy clinic in an underserved area.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

It is well documented that the TTUHSC DPT program consistently ranks among the top programs in the country when it comes to student satisfaction and passing the NPTE board exam. After my interview, I got the opportunity to see how close the friendships were among DPT students, and I wanted to be a part of that. As an out of state of student, TTUHSC has made Lubbock feel like a home away from home, and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else!

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**SHANNON CHOATE**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I can't explain how much it means to be awarded with this scholarship. The financial aspect of school can be stressful and you are definitely helping to lighten that load. You are helping make my dreams of becoming an occupational therapist a reality. I hope to graduate and serve the community and the people who supported my education. Thank you!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am so grateful to be a recipient of this scholarship. I am a first-generation student and have supported myself through college. With the increased work-load that comes with a doctorates program, I won't be able to work as much as I did in undergrad. This will definitely help pay for tuition towards the program.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I applied solely to TTUHSC because I knew it had everything I wanted in a school. The OT program has an extremely impressive first time NBCOT pass rate which made me confident they would provide me with the education needed to succeed. In addition to this, Lubbock is a community I can see myself staying in and serving as an OT once I graduate. The biggest reason I chose TTUHSC though was because of how involved the professors seem and how they genuinely want you to help you succeed.



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**JESSICA ZIMMER**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for your investment in my education. Without your generous gift, I would struggle balancing work, school, and volunteering. You have graciously provided me with the opportunity to pursue my dreams of being a Speech Pathologist in a school, while also enabling me to volunteer within the community. I have shadowed a Speech Pathologist within a school, and knew that was where I could make the biggest impact for many students. Thank you for helping me achieve my dreams of helping my community.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The scholarship funds awarded to me will help me cover the costs of tuition and books. Furthermore, this scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies, which will allow me to excel in my classes. It will also give me the opportunity to have more time to volunteer within the community.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Since my senior year of high school, I have been looking forward to attending the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center second degree program for Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. The campus was warm and welcoming. Lubbock is home to many people and the programs offered are excellent. I know attending this school would prepare me to better serve my community and to obtain a degree that allows me to help many students.



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**MADISON ALLBRIGHT**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you so much for your donation. Your donation allows me to continue my education and attend a really amazing university! Generous donors like you help students like me reach my dreams of becoming a Speech Pathologist. I am so excited to be attending the HSC and learning more about my profession and how to be the best SLP I can be. I hope to become a speech therapist for children after I graduate with my masters.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship helps myself and my family afford for me to continue going to school. I have already earned my first degree from LCU but I wanted to continue working towards my dream to be a Speech Pathologist. This scholarship will help with the financial burden of working on a second degree in speech language and hearing sciences and with getting in graduate school.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Being a Lubbock native, I've grown up around Texas Tech and heard about the HSC. I also have several friends that have graduated from the TTUHSC Speech Pathology program. Knowing that this program will prepare me for my chosen career and is home to me was what made me chose to go to school here.



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**KAREN MARRUFO FAVELA**  
School of Health Professions

#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you very much! This scholarship was one of the determining factors in me choosing to attend TTUHSC this year. The past several months have been full of uncertainty and that makes any financial help even special. In the future, I hope to be able work as a speech language pathologist in underserved communities. I am extremely grateful for your help during this journey. Thank you again!

#### **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

I will use this scholarship to help me pay for the health insurance that I am required to have while in this program. In the future, I will be completing clinical placements, and these locations require students to have health insurance. This scholarship will allow me to complete this aspect of my program.

#### **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I chose TTUHSC because I would like to become a Speech Language Pathologist. My first degree in Linguistics does not fulfill the prerequisite course requirements of the graduate programs that I am interested in. At TTUHSC, I can take these prerequisites as a second degree. Here, I am considered a degree seeking student, so I can apply for financial aid. Also, I have the support of the counselors and faculty of TTUHSC, the resources available through the university, and a cohort to network with. These would not be available to me if I were completing the prerequisites on my own.



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**SAIYEEDA HOSSAIN**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you for your generosity. I have been at TTUHSC for a year and have experienced incredible warmth and friendliness. Getting a Master's in Clinical Mental Health is not easy, and I appreciate the support system here. I hope in the future to be in a position where I can also help those in my current position. Thank you once again for your generosity and your willingness to give.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am an out-of-state resident that came to Texas looking for better opportunities. Although my parents are supportive of this decision, I am on my own when it comes to funding for my education. This scholarship will qualify me for an out-of-state tuition waiver that will decrease my tuition. It will enable me to focus solely on my education.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center because the faculty and vision of TTUHC met my wants and needs. My expectations have been exceeded this first year of graduate school, and I enjoy attending class and learning each day. The staff and faculty are welcoming, and I am confident that TTUHSC is preparing for success.



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**MELISSA GARDEA**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you for your generous gift in making this scholarship possible for me. I took a big step by coming out to Texas to attend TTUHSC to further my goal of becoming an Athletic Trainer and I will always be grateful that I did. I have learned and experienced a lot here, both personally and educationally. I am eternally thankful and grateful for the scholarship and I hope to help other female Athletic Trainers in the future upon completion of my degree. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting higher education.

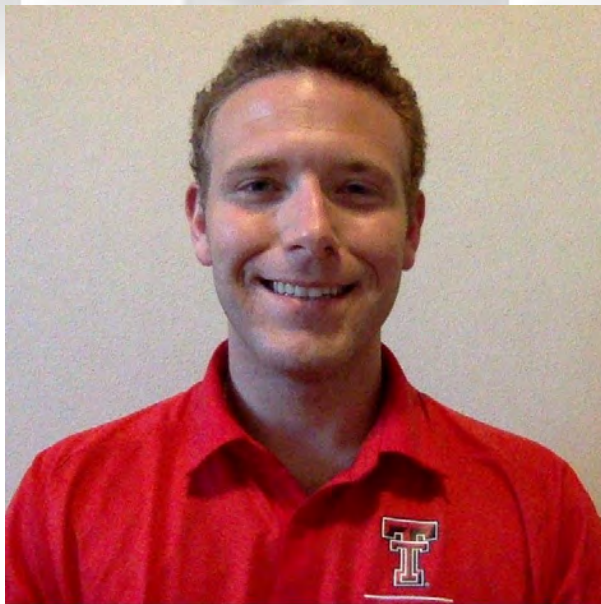
## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

As an independent student without any financial support from family, this scholarship has allowed me to afford a great education. The Don, Kay, and Clay scholarship will go towards my tuition and has helped alleviate a significant portion of the financial burden that I would have had without it. I will now be able to continue my education without the added stress of having large amounts of loans when I graduate. This scholarship has also helped me significantly in working towards my goal of becoming an Athletic Trainer.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the quality education I would receive and the opportunity to achieve my goal of becoming an Athletic Trainer. The facilities and lab spaces have been very educational and of high quality than other places I have been. The education and clinical experiences I have received here have been exceptional at preparing me for real life experiences in Athletic Training. I chose TTUHSC because I knew it would give me the education and experience to be the best in my field.





**JARED OLUWEK**  
School of Health Professions

#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you so much for this scholarship! My goal is to be an ATC at a D1 school for about 5-10 years. My ultimate goal is to open up my own sports/rehab complex where I staff a wide range of healthcare professionals who care for athletes of all kinds. I aspire to diversify my work experience to gain knowledge from different settings, pool them together, and impact people across different ages, genders, and racial demographics. I also aspire to be a public speaker through the art of storytelling, empowering others to be their best version of themselves

#### **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

I plan on furthering my education outside of what is being offered within my curriculum. I have been studying all summer for the CSCS exam (strength and conditioning certification), which I plan on taking some time during this upcoming fall semester. The other certification I am seeking is the Blood Flow Restriction (BFR) course certification. I will look to take this course sometime during spring '21 semester. These funds will help me pay for these certifications during my upcoming semesters

#### **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

Honestly, I chose TTUHSC because I already met all the requirements, therefore I did not have to waste a year obtaining pre-reqs. Upon arriving here, I learned how prestigious this school, and the MAT program is. Coming here has completely elevated my knowledge, skills/abilities, and my approach to becoming an Athletic Trainer. I now walk with a sense of being a healthcare professional, who is a part of a greater healthcare team. I am very proud of this and do not take it lightly. Choosing TTUHSC has been one of the best decisions I've made thus far in life.



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**KARTHICK NATESAN**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I heartfully thank the donor for the scholarship funds. I am a first graduate from the family and coming all the way to this position is difficult. I have been repaying my Master's program educational loan on my own. And I know the worth of each penny been spent. I strongly believe that in the future I will be in response to help the individuals as in my current position. Developing responsible individuals can create a positive impact in the upcoming society.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am an International resident and came to Texas looking for better opportunities. I am on my own for funding my education. With the scholarship funds, I can lessen my tuition fee. Every semester it becomes very difficult in handling the tuition fee amount. But this time, it will also enable me to solely focus on education and achieving my goals.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I am a Biomedical Engineering Graduate, looking to pursue Doctorate in Engineering. Fortunately, I landed up in Rehabilitation Science, a step higher than what I dreamt of. It was a pleasure to accept the admission and start my higher studies here. When I visited, I was overwhelmed by the available facility and the faculty research ideas and projects. This made me realize that TTUHSC is something bigger than my dream. My target is being a researcher, and in such a challenging field, makes it more interesting to pursue.



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**PRINCE BATAUSA**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the donors and administrators of the Don, Kay and Clay scholarship. Your generosity greatly helps and will come a long way for people like me who is struggling to finance his education. Please continue to touch and change people's lives. I may not be able to repay you financially but please be assured that the generosity extended to me will be paid forward.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am the breadwinner of the family and have struggled on financing my education. The scholarship grant awarded to me will definitely help me lower down my student loan and the implied accrued interest. This enables me to afford other school related expenses like books and supplies to successfully finish my degree program.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Texas Tech University is known to be the leading provider of quality education in the region. When I decided to pursue a higher degree of learning in healthcare administration, Texas Tech is my number 1 school of choice among other university offering the same program. So far, I have learned a lot from the many well distinguished and qualified professors in the healthcare administration graduate program. I am confident that I will be a successful healthcare leader with Texas tech University on my back.



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**KAELYNN GWALTNEY**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for this opportunity! By awarding me this scholarship, you have relieved some of the financial burden on my family and made it possible for me to get an education. I plan to obtain a masters degree in speech-language pathology and work in a hospital. Eventually, I would like to open a private practice and provide speech therapy to all ages. Thank you again for your generosity!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am pursuing a degree in speech, language and hearing sciences at TTUHSC because of their highly accredited program. However, due to established debt from medical expenses, my family struggles to help me get an education. Furthermore, as of fall 2020, my family will have another child in college. This scholarship will help me pay for my tuition and relieve some of the financial burden on my family.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the fantastic speech-language pathology program. My mom had heard a lot of great things about the program and convinced me to tour the campus. I knew right away that TTUHSC was going to prepare me for success. The program is structured to challenge students and prepare them for the real world. Furthermore, the high employment rate upon finishing the program encouraged my decision to attend TTUHSC.



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**ERIN EARHART**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

This scholarship means so much. I really loved TTUHSC but was afraid of the initial cost. Because of your generosity I am able to attend the program of my dreams and make the best path for myself and the future. I cannot thank you enough! You are paving ways for future professionals to succeed!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will immensely help my future following graduation. Reducing the amount of loans I take out tremendously reduces my stress and worry for additional opportunities. These funds will be applied directly to my tuition and fees for the upcoming year. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and will use it to my best advantage.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC MAT program because of the successful history of the program. The 20+ year program offers a vast network to other professionals and future opportunities. The program also has access to tremendous local facilities and resources. The staff in the program and the community of TTUHSC also sold me. I really love the interprofessional collaboration with all of the different schools. It is a great way to meet others as well as establish relationships with other professions.



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**SARAH MAURER**

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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you for your kind donation to my education. I am paying for school on my own without help from my parents and this generous donation helps greatly. In the future, I hope to become an audiologist and hopefully give back to my community through pro bono work as well as medical missions.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Because of this scholarship, I am now able to pay in state tuition as well as having additional scholarship money. I am now able to afford tuition and I will continue to use it toward my doctorate of audiology. I will use this scholarship to aid in pursuit of my studies.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the great opportunities here. My mentor professor at WVU got his PhD here and suggested I give it a look. When I checked it out, I realized that I loved the clinical opportunities at TTUHSC and thought it would be a great fit for me. I have loved everything I have gotten to learn here so far and the faculty has been phenomenal.



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**COURTNEY WHYTE**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I can not put into words how much this scholarship means to my family and I. You have helped me tremendously with this journey I am on to pursue my Masters degree in Speech Pathology. This career field is one that I know I can do so much good in for people of every cultural and racial background and I have every intention to give every one of my future patients the very best clinical services everyday that I get to serve them.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will use these scholarship funds for my textbooks and school supplies during my last year of graduate school. I am beyond grateful for this scholarship as it will be extremely helpful in helping pay for my last year of education and ultimately achieve my dream of becoming a speech pathologist. This scholarship will take some of the financial stress that comes along with school and it will allow me to focus more on my academics and clinical work.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because it felt like home when I initially visited. All faculty members welcomed me, the clinical opportunities were limitless, and alumni have spoken so highly of their TTUHSC education. My education at TTUHSC is preparing me to succeed beyond graduate school through countless hours of clinical experiences and educational opportunities that allow me to work with a very diverse population. TTUHSC is home and it will always have a special place in my heart.



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**STACEY BAKER**  
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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I hesitantly decided to pursue my master's degree in counseling, my dream field, after struggling to find my place in business. I wasn't sure how I was going to finance another degree, but I wanted this for myself and decided to attend this program even if it meant taking on some debt. Your generosity means a lot to the communities that are getting more helping professionals, but I think it means even more to me, because now I feel like I'm on the path to a fulfilling career where my skills will really shine.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

As the sole breadwinner of a small family money is always a concern. I always budget carefully and try to never spend when I don't need to, but like others I found I needed loans to finance my degree. This scholarship significantly reduces the amount of loans that I need to take out to further my education and build the skills needed to do my part in addressing this country's mental health crisis.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I set a very high bar regarding what I was looking for in a master's program, and TTUHSC met them all. I wanted not only an accredited institution with a solid reputation behind it, but I wanted small classes and the flexibility of an all online program. At TTUHSC I got all of that and more. I was pleasantly surprised at the level of interest and hands on attention I received from my instructors as a distance student.



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**GABRIELA RODRIGUES**  
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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for allowing me to continue to pursue my career. Granting me the financial freedom to not worry about how I will pay for school, and just allowing me to focus on learning and growing as a clinician means the world to me, and my family. I am forever grateful to all those who choose to selflessly donate and chose to believe in young clinicians like myself. Sincerely, thank you.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds will allow me to continue pursuing my career as I enter into the field of audiology with my clinical externship year. I am very grateful to have been awarded this scholarship as it allows me to focus more on my role as a student clinician and worry less about how I will pay my tuition this year. Even the smallest amount helps to lift this financial burden therefore, am so grateful for this generous scholarship.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

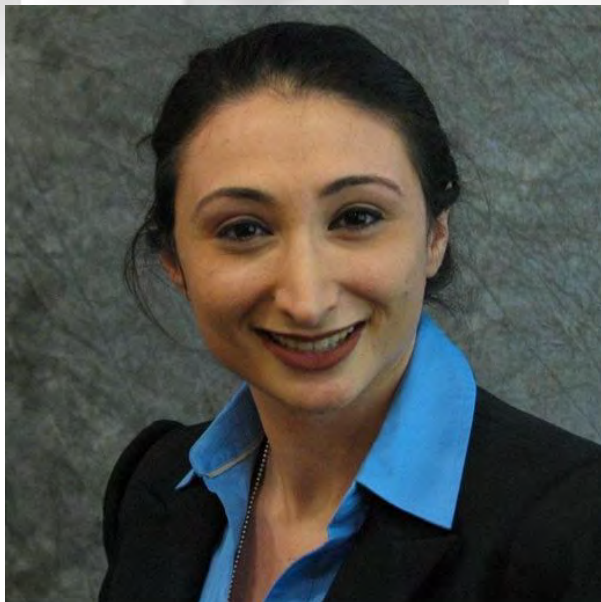
I chose TTUHSC because it felt like the right fit for me. The values that are upheld at TTUHSC from patient centered care, to the positive and healthy student-faculty relationships all really made Lubbock feel like home. I have learned so much from the amazing facility during my time at TTUHSC. I am so grateful to have spent the past three years as a red raider.



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**ALEXA MEHABER**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much! This scholarship will be extremely helpful to me as an out of state student and being away from my family. I have done what i could to make myself an integral part of the Lubbock community in a way of giving back. I am currently working at Texas Tech Physicians, where I am finishing my fourth year before I graduate.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am very grateful for these scholarship funds. As an out of state student, i am not eligible for in-state tuition and this will help me a great deal with cost of living, including rent, groceries, and other essential items. This will be helpful because i wont have to worry as much about getting another job and i can focus more on my academics.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC has one of the greatest audiology programs I have learned about and I am extremely grateful to part of the Lubbock Community. I feel competent in my abilities and feel that I have been set up for success these past 3 years. I am currently working at Texas Tech Physicians, where I am finishing my fourth year before I graduate.



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**KARLI CORNWELL**

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## **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

I would like to thank you so very much for your generosity! Anything that assists me in funding my education separate of loans is so appreciated, I do not even have the words. Thank you greatly and it is appreciated more than you know. I can assure you these funds will go to very great use!

## **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

I will be putting this toward tuition in order to lower the amount of student loans I have to utilize. In addition, this funding will help me better afford rent and utilities, as well as funding toward maintaining memberships toward important associations in the field of occupational therapy, such as AOTA and TOTA.

## **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I was drawn to TTUHSC given the clinical nature of the program, as well as the vast clinical experience of each of the professors. I learn well in a hands-on type of program, and TTUHSC provides just that. In addition, the location being in Lubbock has offered many opportunities that I do not feel I would have been exposed to elsewhere.



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**JESSE PEREZ**

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## **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Words cannot express my appreciation. I am truly grateful for the investment in my education, career, and family. I am now one year away from taking my National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy examination and officially becoming a registered occupational therapist. Once I graduate from the MOT program, my goal is to continue my education and specialize as a Certified Hand Therapist. Although the funds will go towards financial necessities, my decision to choose occupational therapy still stands strong. I wholeheartedly desire to be a contribution to my community by helping others with physical, emotional, social, and mental barriers.

## **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

Since I have already paid for my Spring 2021 tuition, I will save this funding for the summer semester, or I will use it to cover an unexpected bill or payment, like my student health insurance or an automotive expense. With more financial security that this scholarship provides, I can dedicate more time to the organizations I am involved in, such as the Student Occupational Therapy Association and the Dean Ambassadors. It is a meaningful goal of mine to be more active and productive in my school, program, and community.

## **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

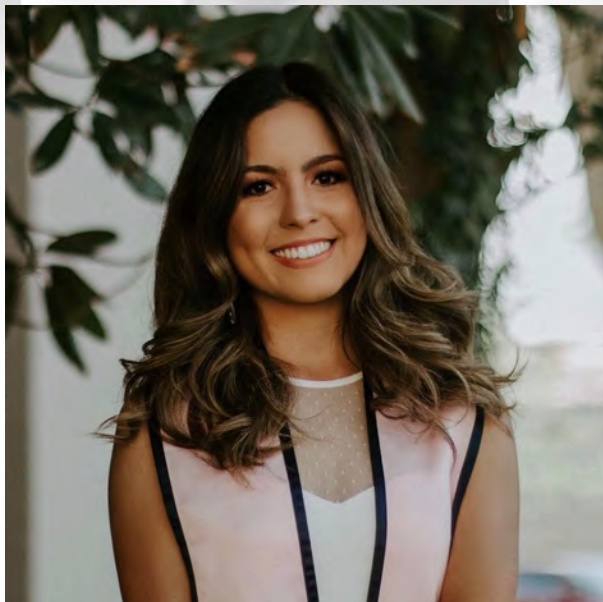
I was born and raised in Lubbock, so I grew up a die-hard Red Raider fan. Also, I am not a traditional student. My wife, children, and home are in Lubbock, so TTUHSC was my primary choice. My wife is the only one currently working, so it would have been difficult to move my family to another city without financial security. What stood out the most were the professors. They were all comforting and demonstrated a true passion for their profession. Furthermore, the professors are still active in the profession, so the education and curricula are current and up-to-date.



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**SAMANTHA PEREZ**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am very grateful to be awarded this scholarship. My goals for the future are to become a certified occupational therapist and work with pediatric patients. Working at the Boys & Girls Club this past year has made me realize the positive impact I can have on the youth in my community. In my future career as an OT, I want to continue to help children who may be struggling in some way, to help them live a happier and productive life. I want to thank you for making this scholarship possible, so I can achieve these goals.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With these scholarship funds, I intend to use it to help pay for my scholastic expenses for the occupational therapy program. I am responsible for paying my tuition and other fees on my own, so I will use this towards my tuition, books, and other supplies I need. This will greatly help relieve some of the financial weight off of my shoulders, and allow me to solely focus on my education.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I first became interested in attending TTUHSC when I shadowed an occupational therapist who had graduated from TTUHSC and learned about his experience. After researching it, I learned that TTUHSC takes a very hands-on approach to teaching. This was one of the main reasons why I chose TTUHSC. During my interview visit, touring the facilities and meeting some of the professors, I was further assured that it was the right program for me. I look forward to starting at TTUHSC because I know it will prepare me for the future.



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**STIRLAND ZOLLINGER**  
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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am extremely thankful for this scholarship and the kindness of the Cash family. It is such a selfless act to donate valuable money to someone in need. Seeing these kind actions of the Cash family towards me is motivation to excel in school and take advantage of this unique opportunity to have financial help for a priceless education. I hope I can one day meet The Cash family and personally thank them. I plan to one-day give back to what has been given to me by financially helping someone else in my community to get an education.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Since the time that I started my bachelors degree I made a goal to stay debt free through college studies. To this point I have worked really hard to pay for my schooling and provide for my family. I have saved up some money to get my started on the right path to pay for this degree. With the help of this scholarship and I am one big step closer to having enough money to not take out student loans and better focus on my education and family. This money will be used only to pay for my schooling.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

My wife is a resident of Texas and we met at school in Utah. My father in law attended Texas Tech to obtain a law degree and was very happy with his experience there. When it came time for me to apply for graduate schools, he recommended I apply there. When I visited Lubbock and Tech campus I was really impressed and awed with how polite and kind all people were and the facilities were professional and adequate. It seemed like the perfect atmosphere to gain characteristics needed for my career and become a genuine person.

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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for making this scholarship possible. Through the financial assistance, I confidently chose to pursue my career in Texas and am excited to see what doors this opportunity in a new state will open. I hope to gain further knowledge and experience with different communities and their struggles, and ultimately take part in cultivating an environment where people approach differences with discernment, patience, and sensitivity.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With the funds received from this scholarship, I qualified to pay in-state tuition for my first three semesters at TTUHSC. With this opportunity, I am excited to pursue my career in Occupational Therapy with less financial burdens as I move to a new state. Additionally, I plan to use the funds to assist in purchasing essential school materials as well as housing.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of its resourceful curriculum, an admirable faculty, and vision for community service that parallels mine. I am confident that TTUHSC will equip me with the knowledge to serve my community in the most optimal way. I am thrilled to bring my passion and curiosity to learn, and give in return to TTUHSC.



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**JESSICA CWIK**  
School of Health Professions

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity. Growing up, there was so much uncertainty financially for a future for me by losing our home and having to find a bed to sleep on that had the cheapest rate. Despite this, I knew that I wanted to be in the health field and caring for those around me for the rest of my life. You have given me hope again by allowing me to have the ability to attend not only my dream school, but more importantly, my dream home.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Coming from the Chicagoland area, I am an out-of-state student and would have had to pay as one. However, with this scholarship, I now have so much stress relieved as I am able to focus on personal and educational growth throughout my time at Texas Tech instead of worrying about extra finances. I plan to use this scholarship as extra motivation to make those around me proud and confident for believing in me.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC offers me more than just an education, it offers me a family and a place I can call home. During my interview, the faculty just embodied what a community should look like and how much love one can have for the field and for those around them. I am so excited to call myself a Red Raider!



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I can't thank you enough, without generous donors like yourself I wouldn't have been able to get through my undergraduate degree and allow me to stand where I am today. Scholarships are vital to students like myself, giving us the opportunity to better our futures and make our career aspirations obtainable. One day, after all my schooling is done, I hope to offer the same compassion and donations to future students. Again, thank you for making this scholarship possible, you truly are making a difference in the lives of others.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The opportunity to come to Texas will allow me the education I need to perform my career as an occupational therapist. I couldn't be more excited to start this journey, but because of the high intensity of this program, I will not be able to have a side job, as I did during my undergraduate. This scholarship would relive much financial stress, taking away some of the loans I would need to borrow and allow me to focus all of my attention on my studies which are of the utmost importance to me.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC stood out not only for its outstanding occupational therapy program but for its diverse backgrounds and family-oriented culture. While visiting, the cohorts gave the impression of closeness and always looking out for one another, being able to work together and well is very important to me. This program offers a variety of different clinical rotations and a student-run volunteer group, which I plan on joining. Even with COVID-19 affecting the way our courses are to run, I have absolute faith in TTUHSC that they will strive to give their students the best opportunity for success.



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