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KELSEY DOEGE
School of Health Professions

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for making my education possible! I am excited to become the best clinician I can be during this time in school. After graduation I hope to continue in a fellowship and eventually a residency in sports medicine. I am looking forward to advocating for athletes in my community in wellness and preventative care. I also hope to one day offer my expertise as an exercise professional through free fitness/education classes for my community. I am excited for the future. I appreciate you for being a part of this process.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me finish the physical therapy program and take advantage of more learning opportunities. I have been working to help cover expenses between semesters, but it has been a challenge to work during the school year. These funds will assist me in covering the cost of tuition and textbooks. They will also help me continue saving to cover the cost of living in Lubbock, rent during my year of clinicals in the program, and traveling with school organizations to further my education through conferences/shadowing opportunities.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I first looked into TTUHSC because my sister, uncle, and several cousins have attended various programs at TTU. However, the more I learned about the mission, values, and vision of TTUHSC, the more excited I was to interview for the school. Additionally, I met a few PT students from TTU prior to applying and I was impressed with their hospitality, knowledge, and kindness with patients in the clinic. As a student, I have had many opportunities to grow these same qualities through meaningful conversations with professors, and through classes on professionalism, conduct, and patient interactions.

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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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KAMI RICHEY
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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to personally say thank you for your gracious gift. I have just recently began my career at Trustpoint Rehabilitation Hospital of a Lubbock where I have the opportunity to serve and treat individuals at one of the top 10% inpatient rehabilitation facilities in the nation. My future goals include one day becoming a mother, earning my neuro-rehab certification, working towards my doctorate of occupational therapy, and to never stop learning so I can better serve my patients each day. Thank you again for all your help.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am so grateful for the encouragement and financial aide in my journey of becoming an occupational therapist. I will be allocating my assistance to begin paying back my student loans as I have just recently graduated in December 2020. I cannot tell you how much this assistance will aide me in doing so.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the people. This university reminds me of home and is filled with driven and friendly faces among the professors and students. What sets TTUHSC apart for me is it's emphasis on community and service, valuing both relationships and competitive academia without compromising one for the other.

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ALLISON HAYDEN
School of Health Professions

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Because of this scholarship, you will allow me to finish my time at TTUHSC with less stress related to how I can pay for my schooling. You are also taking stress off my husband's shoulders since he lost his job due to COVID. You are truly making a difference in both of our lives, and we cannot thank you enough for getting us through these tough times.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

My husband was let go from his job several months ago due to job cuts from the COVID pandemic, and we would have difficulty paying for this without your generous assistance. I worried on how we would be able to afford my schooling, and when I found out I was awarded this scholarship, a huge burden was lifted off mine and my husband's shoulders. Thank you for this support.

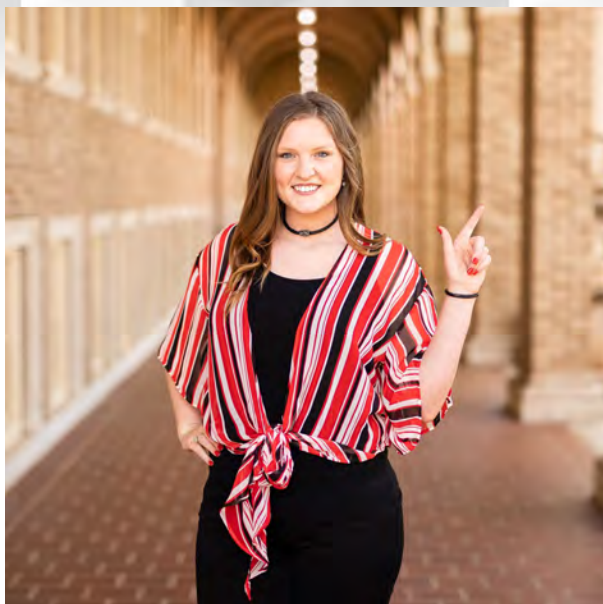
WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I have loved living in Lubbock ever since I began my freshman year at TTU, and after learning about the great program and professors at the TTUHSC I knew that I wanted this to be my home for graduate school as well. The Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at the School of Health Professions has prepared me immensely in terms of didactic material and foundational skills, but more importantly than that it has taught me how to build purposeful relationships with colleagues and patients that will foster healing in those facing tribulations.



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HAYLEE JACKSON

School of Health Professions

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am a student who has worked to attain high academic standards from an early age to hopefully provide myself with the eligibility for scholarships just like this. Your support removes the financial burdens that hinder complete dedication to academics. My goal is to gain as much clinical knowledge while enrolled in this program and continue to expand my clinical skills while serving the Lubbock community. I hope to make a positive impact on individuals needing neurorehabilitation and advocate for those underserved. I am grateful for your generous donation helping me to reach my professional goals.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds will help me to pay for my tuition and other class requirements (e.g., textbooks and online programs). Knowing that these costs are no longer the forefront of my concerns will allow me to put all of my focus on my academic coursework and learning all that I can to become a skilled clinician. Additionally, I will be able to use my earnings from my Graduate Assistantship for groceries and other opportunities (e.g., attending the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association State Convention) that will provide me with a variety of profession-related experiences.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to attend TTUHSC because I truly believed that all of the faculty and staff want to see their students succeed, and I can confirm this to still be true as I enter my second year of graduate school. Their passion for this field is evident in the standard that they continue to push forward for all future clinicians. The professors and clinicians of TTUHSC are highly regarded at both the state and national levels of our profession. Anyone would be at a loss to not choose this program if given the opportunity.



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MCKENZEE MILLER
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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

As one of this year's recipients, I am grateful for the opportunities this scholarship will provide me. I was born 3 months premature and have had significant financial hardships due to continuing medical needs. This scholarship makes it possible for me to pursue my dream of obtaining my master's degree at TTUHSC. Upon graduation, I am excited to find a job in this profession and start helping others. Thank you so very much. Your giving heart is helping me achieve my goals!

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will significantly strengthen my opportunity to further my education. With this scholarship, I won't have to worry as much about the financial burden of out-of-state tuition and trying to hold a full-time job, while being a full-time student. These funds will allow me more time to volunteer and give back to my community. I am so appreciative of scholarships like this one that allows me to be the best version of myself in order to help others. I cannot fully put it into only 100 words what a blessing these scholarships are, but I am forever grateful!

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC holds a special place in my heart. It's where I obtained my bachelor's degree, met some of my dearest friends, and was taught by some of the best professors out there. I like that the HSC provides support and a close-knit community just like my small town did growing up. It feels like home and a place I can thrive. This program will prepare me to be a well-rounded speech, language pathologist capable of helping others in a positive way. I think TTUHSC offers a highly admirable professional program and I am proud to be a part of it.

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ERIN KERWIN

School of Health Professions

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I can't thank you enough for this opportunity. This scholarship goes above and beyond its face value to allow me to have in-state tuition at truly the best OT program and allows me to wholeheartedly give myself to these years of important education, clinical and professional development experiences, and overall preparation for my future patients. My family never had excess money. Left with no debt from undergrad after having a full-ride scholarship, this gracious gift leaves me with minimal loans for graduate school and I will absolutely invest in my community, patients, and bettering myself educationally for them.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am from out-of-state and I am totally financially independent from my parents. This scholarship will allow me to continue to attend what I have seen to be the best program for my profession, so I came to Texas for a better opportunity. I will be able to continue going to school full-time without having to get a job due to financial stress. This will allow me to continue to focus wholly on my school work as I have done in the past year and a half, which enabled me to maintain a 4.0 GPA and pursue professional development.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I got into 4 different highly ranked OT schools. I visited them and TTUHSC stand out far above the others in terms of passion, structure, academics, and quality of professors, among other things. I was seeking the best educational possible for my Masters, and could tell right away that my future professors structured the environment, curriculum, and opportunities in such a way that was wholeheartedly aligned with core values and education of OT. This program even goes above and beyond with anatomy and hands education.



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