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KALEIGH SMITH
School of Nursing

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to thank you for this fantastic opportunity and for making this scholarship possible. I'm currently working full-time as an emergency room nurse during this awful COVID pandemic, all while managing a life-changing family tragedy that occurred. Pursuing a master's degree can be emotionally and financially challenging, and I genuinely appreciate the support. In the future, I hope to give back to my community by opening a primary care clinic.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

As a single young woman, pursuing a graduate nursing degree can be financially straining. Receiving this scholarship will allow me to join the American Association of Nurse Practitioner's organization and register for the Fitzgerald's NP certification prep course. Additionally, this award will allow me to focus on my education solely and lessen my financial burden.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center because it met my distance learning needs. Colorado has limited options regarding online FNP programs. With starting in my second year, my program and faculty expectations have exceeded. I thoroughly enjoy learning and working closely with my professors. They genuinely want me to succeed by being approachable, accessible, and very supportive.



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KARLA VAZQUEZ
School of Nursing

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I would like to thank the donors for providing me the opportunity to pursue my nursing career. I am excited to continue my education at Texas Tech and fulfill my dreams of becoming a neonatal nurse. I never thought I would come back to Abilene, but it has been a blessing to start this journey with my family close. Thank you again for supporting the Texas Tech nursing program.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will go directly into paying my tuition. My family has been very supportive financially but this will relieve some of the pressure and allow me to focus on school. This scholarship will provide me the opportunity to dedicate my full time to school instead of splitting it up with a job.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

After being away from home for 4 years completing my undergraduate degree, I wanted to be closer to home to earn my BS in nursing. When I toured the Abilene campus I was amazed by the simulation center. Texas Tech nursing program has given me the opportunity to earn my degree and be closer to my family.



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KATIE WILLIAMS
School of Nursing

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for helping me to focus on school rather than my finances. Finals are stressful enough and your contributions have decreased my stress tremendously. I plan on working in acute care for the first few years of my career, and then applying to CRNA school. When I am successfully a nurse I plan on being as generous as you and helping another student to succeed.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These funds will be able to help me catch up on past due rent and bills. I will also be able to purchase a parking sticker for my car. I will also use these funds to pay for the remainder of my health insurance balance. I was very overwhelmed on how I would be able to catch up and you have helped me to regain my normalcy.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because there is such a strong reputation for TTUHSC's nursing school graduates. The NCLEX pass rate is also higher than any other nursing schools in the surrounding area. What stood out the most to me when I visited was the simulation center and how advanced it is.

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KEELAN CASSIDY
School of Nursing

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

My long term nursing goal is to serve a rural community. I have not decided exactly where it is that I want to settle down but I am sure that I will find a community that needs me, either as an experienced nurse or midlevel to serve them. This scholarship will help me achieve that goal by enabling me to continue towards graduation with fewer stressors and more focus on training to be the best nurse that I possibly can.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds are going to go directly to purchasing health insurance through the university to cover the rest of the year. I have a chronic condition and must take medication so figuring out how I would pay for the coverage has been stressful. It is a massive weight off my shoulders to know I can put afford my premiums without having to take resources from my food or another budget.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

My older sister completed this program over 5 years ago and has gone on to a wonderful nursing career and always spoke highly of the ABSN at TTUHSC. When I decided to pursue nursing school I knew this would be my first choice. I am so happy to have been accepted and already be halfway through the program!



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