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**RACHEL ARANDA**  
School of Nursing



**BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you so much for your generosity and for the opportunity to be able to pursue my dreams. After graduating from TTUHSC, my goal is to become a trauma nurse to provide optimal trauma care to patients to help make a difference. Later in my career, I plan to pursue further studies as a nurse anesthetist. I truly hope that one day I will be able to give back and help other students achieve their dreams as you have helped me. I am extremely appreciative of your generosity.

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

This scholarship will lessen my financial burden as I pursue a Traditional BSN at TTUHSC. I am very appreciative of your generosity and I will be able to fully focus on my studies and my education. This scholarship will be used to pay for my tuition, so I can be one-step closer to achieving my dreams.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

When I first started college, I wanted to be a nurse and I knew my number one school was the TTUHSC. I began working at the F. Marie Hall SimLife Center as a student assistant in October of 2019. This opportunity allowed me to see how the nursing program worked and how dedicated the instructors and faculty were. It was so amazing to see how encouraging and passionate the instructors were and how the learning environment was so positive. I chose TTUHSC because I know the incredible learning environment will encourage me to be the best nurse I can be.

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**ASHLEY ELLIOTT**  
School of Nursing



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Thank you so much for making this scholarship possible! I plan to go back to school to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, CRNA, upon graduation and gaining some work experience in a surgical ICU. This scholarship gives me the extra time to study to deliver safe care to my future patients. I do not just want to be a nurse- I want to be a great nurse! They make such an impact on patients having been one myself several times, and I want to be that person for my patients as well.

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I am getting ready to graduate in May and this scholarship will allow me the financial freedom to focus on studying for the NCLEX instead of picking up extra shifts at work to make ends meet. I will be using this scholarship to give me the extra time to study for the NCLEX in addition to paying for the cost of the testing and tuition.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I chose TTUHSC because both my parents graduated from Texas Tech and my family lives here in Lubbock. It is important to me to be able to spend time with my family so TTUHSC was already a top contender for nursing school. However, the technology and attachment to a great teaching hospital sealed the deal for me. TTUHSC is important to me because I grew up a Red Raider and it has been a dream of mine to come to Texas Tech since I was in elementary school. TTUHSC is preparing me to give elite care to my patients!

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**ASHMA POKHAREL**  
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I joined this nursing program with the intention of becoming a psychiatric mental health nurse in the future because there is so much stigma surrounding mental health issues. This scholarship means the world to me since it is a form of encouragement for me to push myself to do better. I plan on giving back to the community by normalizing mental health issues and making my future patients feel comfortable in sharing their issues. I would like to thank the donor for the generosity and I will not let this scholarship go to waste.

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I will use this fund to pay for my remaining tuition fees, I was not able to pay all of my tuition fees for the spring semester and it was stressing me out. I took a break last semester due to my parent's loss of business and my mental health. So this scholarship will help me to assist with my tuition and help me to focus on my study without additional financial stress.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

TTUHSC is one of the most reputed education institutions with a great nursing program. My friends who had already attended this institution in the past informed me that the institution is equipped with highly qualified teaching faculty and an exceptional degree program. From my experience of almost a year of being in the program, this has been true. All the professors and staff have supported me and guide me while I was having mental and financial crises last semester. Even in this unprecedented time, TTUHSC has been giving us a hands-on clinical experience which is preparing me for success.

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**JACQUELINE SWINEY**  
School of Nursing



**BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you so much for this very generous gift, it is making 2020 a whole lot easier! Upon graduation from TTUHSC, I hope to work for a specialty pediatric clinic at my current hospital in Fort Worth, Cook Children's Medical Center. I love caring for the pediatric population and I hope to inspire some young patients to seek after a career in the medical field to help those in need.

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

I will use this scholarship to repay our savings account that I borrowed from to purchase textbooks. Some of the scholarship may also go towards purchasing diapers for my 2 month old baby boy, Isaac. Becoming a new mother during grad school has been challenging but this is a huge weight lifted.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

When searching for graduate programs in Texas and seeking advice from coworkers everyone told me that TTUHSC was the superior program and that obtaining my degree from TTUHSC would make me a highly desired candidate for nurse practitioner jobs. I am currently in my fourth semester at TTUHSC and I believe my coworkers were correct!

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**MELISSA GARAY**  
School of Nursing



**BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

I want to express my most sincere gratitude for your generosity in assisting me with my academic goals. Having to work less due to school, and still supporting 3 growing children (teenagers) has added some unnecessary stress to my life. I pride myself in doing well in school and with your assistance I have been able to feel a bit of a load off my shoulders knowing I can still purchase other needed references that will assist me through my studies. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

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

I will use this scholarship to assist me with reference materials to enhance my knowledge. For example, I will now subscribe to UpToDate, a well known, evidence based useful resource utilized by many practitioners, in addition to looking into becoming a part of a nurse practitioner organization. These funds will also help me afford some of the books that are recommended, which sometimes are not purchased due to financial constraints. Now I will be able to purchase these additional resources that will help me be successful in school.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

After researching online colleges to further my education I learned that TTUHSC is known for having an excellent nursing program and producing well prepared nurse practitioners, ready to begin their career. I had also talked with NP's who have graduated from TTUHSC and was confirmed that their programs do provide the necessary education and training to be successful in the certification exam and begin working the field. I completed my BSN at Texas Tech and was very satisfied with the program and did not think twice about completing my MSN FNP there as well.

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**BRANDI JACKSON**  
School of Nursing



**BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you isn't enough. Your support is what keeps me going . I appreciate your support and look forward to the day I am also able to give back. I had applied to graduate school at TTUHSC twice prior to my acceptance. It is a huge honor to be apart of this program.

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

This generous donation will assist me in purchasing text books for the semester that are quite expensive. This donation also comes at a time of uncertainty, living through a pandemic. My work hours have been cut back at times and it's very helpful to be prepared for the unknown times we are living in.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

TTUHSC is my one and only choice for education since touring the campus in 2004. School pride did not mean anything to me until I became a red raider. I can't wait to show my daughters the campus one day and hope they aspire to become red raiders one day.

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**TYLER ALLEN**  
School of Nursing



**BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you for being able top help others who are not able to help themselves. This scholarship means the world to me and gives me hope that I can finish college without having tons of financial stress. You let me know that my hard work is paying off and I'm forever grateful for that.

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

Growing up with a low income single mother made life difficult. Coming to college I was terrified if I would actually be able to afford it or be held back by my financial instability. With this scholarship I will be able to afford my tuition and help with my many expenses such as rent, car insurance, food, and many other necessities.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I chose TTUHSC because I knew they would be able to give me the best education within a timely manner. Having a low income means I can't afford to be in college longer than I have to be. This is why I worked hard to graduate with my associates degree in high school and got accepted to this amazing program within my first year out of high school.