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**ASHLEY SARVER**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am currently in my final semester of the ABSN program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and will be graduating in December. Upon graduation, I hope to work in pediatrics, and I also plan to continue my education and become a nurse practitioner. Additionally, I am looking forward to offering my skills as a healthcare provider on a volunteer basis to the needy and underprivileged locally, and when possible, abroad on mission trips.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me pay for my NCLEX preparation program, as well as the application fees to the Texas Board of Nursing, the NCLEX testing fee, and all of my books for the semester. Lifting the burden of worrying about expenses for my family of five will allow me to focus on completing my program and maintain my high GPA, which will make me a competitive applicant when I apply to graduate school.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to attend TTUHSC because of its stellar reputation to produce wonderful, competent nurses. The faculty have been wonderful, supportive, and informative. I love the intense clinical portion of the program and believe that the experience I have gained in my clinical shifts has better prepared me to enter my career than other programs would have.

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**ALDO BAUTISTA**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to sincerely thank you for providing me with the opportunity to grow and supporting me through this contribution. I am a first-generation college graduate and will be the only individual in my family line to hold a Master's degree in August. I hope to continue this journey as I advance into the Doctorate program. Again, thank you for helping me achieve my dreams.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to continue in my educational journey with less financial burden. I hope to grow and achieve my goal of obtaining my doctorate in nursing in the coming years. This scholarship will help ease my expenses in tuition and allow me to focus on my overall end goal.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to attend TTUHSC because of its great reputation. I heard a lot of great things about their nursing program from my colleagues. One of the greatest factors that led me to attend this school ultimately stemmed from my desire to challenge myself. I was putting off school for quite some time because I was afraid of failure. I continue to prove myself wrong as I have found great success and growth through TTUHSC.

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**AMY QUINONES**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for this scholarship. School is very expensive, and nursing jobs don't pay much just starting out. I will have more money to spend on my family after graduation, then using to pay off my student loans. I can also use these funds to pay for the NCLEX exam.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds will allow me to pay my student loans back sooner than expected. These funds will also allow me to purchase study materials for the NCLEX. December is quickly approaching, and the materials for the NCLEX are very expensive. I will use these funds for study materials as well as the NCLEX exam which is \$200.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because it was an accelerated degree program. The program has also proven to be successful with many cohorts before mine. Dr. Wilkinson is my cite coordinator and she really cares about her students and is an amazing teachers. She is an advocate for her students and only wants the best for them. I feel very fortunate that Dr. Wilkinson is my coordinator, as she has made this year an amazing learning experience.



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**MALLORY-BLAIR BEHRHORST**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

My goals for the future include becoming a pediatric nurse in the Dallas/ Ft.Worth area. I have always loved kids and grew up taking care of children. I hope to one day be able to contribute to an organization that supports child patients with cancer or children on the transplant lists. I have such a heart for children and know that I will be full of joy helping them and their needs.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me pay my rent this semester. With nursing school tuition and COVID, it has been difficult to find the funds to support my living expenses. I am thankful to receive this money and put it towards this expense. Finances can cause more stress on top of nursing school, so this scholarship will help relieve some of that stress.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I was a student at a few different universities before TTUHSC. I was struggling to find my place and decide on the best nursing school for me. After researching and learning that TTUHSC SON is one of the best programs in the state, I was sure this was where I needed to be. After applying my first time and not getting in due to unaccepted transfer credits, I pushed through and applied for a second time and got in! This entire process has been a hard journey, but I am here and sure that this is where I'm meant to be!

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**PATRICK KENNEDY**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am so thrilled to be a recipient of this scholarship! COVID-19, coupled with the very fast pace of this program has caused considerable stress in my professional and personal life. Scholarship funds will let me redouble my commitment to nursing and make me a stronger nurse upon graduation. I hope to gain employment in the ICU where I'm completing my clinical hours and will aid the fight against COVID-19.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will use the scholarship funds to help with tuition costs and living expenses while in school. I can now afford to pay tuition bills and living expenses without having to work extra hours. Working is discouraged in this program due to its accelerated nature, so I will be able to focus my time and effort on the pursuit of nursing knowledge instead.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because it has a stellar reputation in the healthcare community. I was also attracted to the idea of completing my second bachelor's degree in one year. When I met with course faculty during my interview, they were all extremely enthusiastic about educating potential nursing students. I feel well equipped to handle a new graduate nursing position and cannot wait to apply what I've learned for the benefit of others.

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**BETHANY WHARTON**

School of Nursing

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

Thank you for so generously providing the opportunity for nurses like me to continue our education. Right now, my immediate goal is to get more experience on the med-surg floor where I'm working. Sometime in the future, I hope to someday be able to complete my MSN at TTUHSC.

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

I will use this money to help pay for the tuition at TTUHSC. It will free up some of my money to pay for the required textbooks. By paying nearly a quarter of my tuition, you have enabled me to focus on my studies and not worry so much about financial matters.

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

I decided to go to TTUHSC to complete my BSN because the school has an articulate agreement with the community college where I got my associates degree in nursing. So far, my academic journey with TTUHSC has been nothing but positive. Faculty members are always very helpful and supportive of me. In addition, the part-time curriculum that I am doing is very manageable to help me balance with my full-time job as a med-surg nurse.



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**BUDDHAKAMAL WAIBA**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for your generosity. I will work harder to achieve my dream. I hope to help others in the same way you have helped me. Upon completion of my nursing degree, I plan to volunteer in an underprivileged community. This scholarship means a lot to me. I am forever indebted.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will lessen my financial burden as I pursue a nursing degree at TTUHSC. One of the biggest hurdles in receiving higher education has been financial responsibility as I was grown up in a socioeconomically disadvantaged environment. This aid will definitely alleviate some of that financial pressure and will help to focus on my studies. I am grateful for this gift and will be used to pay my tuition.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I received my undergraduate degree in clinical lab science from TTUHSC. I was an easy decision to choose TTUHSC for my nursing school because my expectation had been exceeded while I was there and have been exceeded now that I am in the nursing program. I have no doubt that TTUHSC's vision and best faculty members are preparing me for success.



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**ALYSIA DELGADO**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I have always worked to provide. It wasn't until after getting re-married that I had enough support to follow my heart and do what I'm passionate about. It's easier said than done and there are so many sacrifices the entire family has to make, especially financially. Sometimes the end looks so far away and I don't know how we're going to make it, but we keep putting one foot in front of the other. My whole life has been about doing what I have to do, and for the first time, because of your donation, I can follow my dream.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Tuition, supplies, uniforms, and books were more expensive than I anticipated. In order to keep myself from using private loans, I used government loans to pay for the majority and a credit card for the rest. These scholarship funds will help pay off that credit card. It may not seem exciting to put these funds towards paying things off instead of buying the brand new stethoscope, but you're helping me build a better future for myself and my children and there's nothing I would rather spend it on more.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I was looking into Concordia's nursing program when I met one of their graduates. She said if she could do it again she would apply at TTUHSC, because their students really stand out and know what they're doing. After investigating more and talking to a few current TTUHSC students/alumni, I realized this was the place for me. Not only do they provide a good support system and community for learning success, during the year I will work with my clinical coach in a hands-on hospital setting preparing me for my future in a setting I can thrive in.



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**HANNAH KEATING**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am beyond thankful for this scholarship. Nursing school is not only an expensive program, but with its fast-paced nature, faculty highly recommends you quit your job to become a full-time student. I quit my job the day before this program started so with no paycheck over this next year, your generosity is truly helping me afford this program. My goal at the end of this is to be a Registered Nurse at a hospital here in Austin TX, giving back to a community that has treated me so well over these past few years.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I plan to use this scholarship to pay for Fall tuition. This will allow me to use \$1,000 that would have gone to tuition to cover the next round of medical insurance required for this program. Medical insurance was not something I originally budgeted for when applying for this program, so this scholarship is definitely helping me with this burden.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

When debating which nursing school to attend, I reached out to a few former students from TTUHSC, Texas A&M, and University of Houston. TTUHSC stood out to me as the best, without a doubt. The students that went here could not praise this school enough. TTUHSC provides clinical opportunities like no other. They get their students into the hospital quickly, because they know the importance of hands on education. So far in my experience, I see exactly what they were talking about.



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**JANE GIFFORD**  
School of Nursing

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

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this scholarship. I am in awe of donors such as yourself who are willing to help individuals like me ensure we have a bright future. As a military spouse, I have a small window of opportunity to be at a place to receive the full education. All the pieces came together with a chance to receive mine at this time. My goal is to serve the military community wherever my husband goes in the next 15 years. Thank you for being part of the piece.

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

I will be using the funds from the scholarship to purchase books and materials needed for the year. In addition, I will be using some of the funds for my children's daycare fees to allow someone to take care and provide for their needs while I am in clinical or at the simulation lab. The scholarship is tremendously alleviating the financial stress as we are a one-income family and allowing me to focus on school.

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

During my research on the nursing program at TTUHSC, I emailed and spoke to those who helped ensure I understand the process and expectations. Everyone I interacted with was kind and genuinely helpful. I prayed that TTUHSC would accept me because I wanted to be part of that university. I am two months into the program, and my site coordinator, retention counselor, professors, and everyone else I come in contact with wants me to succeed. Every education and feedback I receive makes me a better person each day, and I am grateful to be part of the TTUHSC nursing program.

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**JENNIFER OZZELLO**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I was the first in my family to receive a bachelor's degree and will now be the first to receive a graduate degree. This scholarship relieves some of the financial burden we have due to my loss of income while not working and pursuing this degree. We have two sons, one in college and one hoping to attend in 3 years. I hope my studies inspire them in some way. Just as important is my desire to provide homeless and uninsured individuals the high quality and compassionate mental health care they deserve once done. I thank you, with deep gratitude!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to use less in student loans. I will take this money and apply it directly to the textbooks for this semester. Textbooks are extremely expensive. The positive thing is that many of our textbooks may be used once we are in practice, for reference.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC's PMHNP program was always my first choice. Why? First, I can learn distantly, without the need to move to attend my first choice school. Second, this program offers 2 courses no other PMHNP programs in Texas offered at the time of application--telehealth and neuroscience. I believe that both of these classes will provide a greater foundation on which to build my future practice. In addition, once interviewing with faculty for admission, it was evident that they are just as invested in our success as we are! Now, as a student, I can attest to that fact.



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**MOLLY SMITH**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

When I embarked on this graduate school journey, I knew it was going to take a lot of hard work. Never did I imagine that I would be trying to finish up clinical hours in the midst of a pandemic, while home schooling a kindergartener and a fourth grader. Your incredibly generous gift has enabled me to focus more on completing clinical hours and work less, while knowing that our mortgage will be paid. I am so grateful for your generosity and cannot wait until I can give back to students in need like you have done for me.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I plan to put this scholarship towards my mortgage. This semester I have been working less in attempt to complete clinical hours. This scholarship enables us to have a buffer so I can continue completing clinical hours and graduate on time in May. This allows me to focus more on the finish line and I am so grateful.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I considered multiple schools when embarking on my AGACNP journey. What stood out about TTUHSC were the repeated reports of the level of organization and knowledge gained from prior students and I could not be happier with this program. The faculty are incredible and have been amazingly supportive throughout this pandemic. I feel so blessed to have been accepted to the AGACNP at TTUHSC.



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**NATALIA GUERRERO**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I can't begin to thank you enough for your generosity and scholarship. This is truly a huge difference in helping me be able to afford this program, and focus more on school without having to work as much in between courses and assignments. I plan to focus and excel as much as I can on this program to be the best nurse I can possibly be. Your scholarship drove me to tears when I read that email! There are simply not enough words to thank you.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

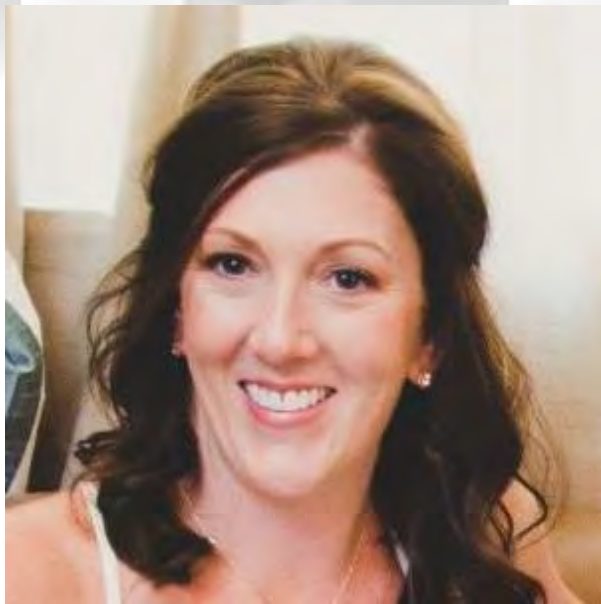
This scholarship fund is going into my tuition for the Accelerated BSN Program. This program has already changed my life in so many ways, and I am beyond thankful for this scholarship as it is going to help me be able to continue to pay for my future. With this going into my tuition rate, I can focus even more on the schoolwork and not worrying about how I will pay for the program. Thank you so much!

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the amazing things every single nurse that has come out of this program has said. In the hospital where I was working as a tech, I had about 4 nurses approach me and rave about this ABSN program. They felt extremely prepared and well-taught after this program, and said the lessons and knowledge I will gain through TTUHSC are incomparable to any other program in Texas. I immediately applied to TTUHSC as soon as possible, and they have only been right!



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**BRITTANY SEVERSON**  
School of Nursing

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

This scholarship reminds me how much TTUHSC wants me to succeed. So, while the beginning of my first semester has been a little overwhelming, this was a nice reminder of how many people are cheering me on. I have been an Oncology nurse for over 7 years, and knew I wanted to do more than clinic nursing. I want to make a difference in my patients lives, because some of them are cut far too short due to Cancer. I want to be active in Cancer research and cutting-edge treatments, as well as being their biggest advocate.

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

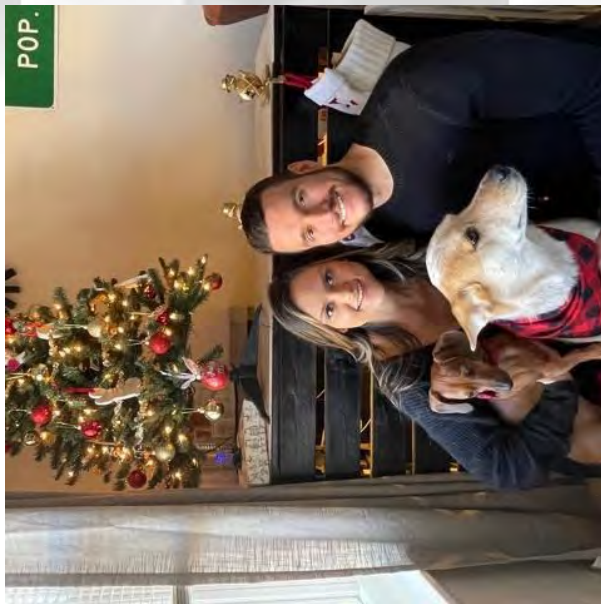
With this being my first semester of Graduate Nursing studies, I've already purchased my necessities. I plan to save the provided scholarship money to apply towards Summer semester tuition as well as books and supplies, or even travel expenses that may be incurred if necessary to be on campus. I have a family of six that I provide insurance for, so while I must continue working full-time, this scholarship definitely lightens the financial burden of the graduate program.

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

I completed my RN to BSN degree program with TTUHSC in 2017. I felt like my previous experience overall, even though distance learning, was intimate. Each of us, as professional nurses, have different backgrounds. TTUHSC's programs don't try to change the nurse you have become, but rather give us the tools to evolve as professionals.



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**DOUGLAS DALKE**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am ever-grateful for the support you have provided me. I know that I am among many students who have been blessed by your generosity. You have undoubtedly made many students' dreams come true through your support. For myself specifically, you have eased the financial burden that I carry in life. With a chronic medical condition that requires expensive medication to control, I have always been concerned about my finances. With your help, however, I am able to direct my focus towards my education.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am a Graduate level student who has 2 undergraduate degrees: a BS in Biology and a BSN. My parents were fully financially supportive through my first undergraduate degree, but I have been on my own for my BSN and now my Master's degrees. This scholarship money will allow my wife, who is also a graduate student in the Dietetics program at TTU, and I to remain more financially stable throughout our final educational pursuits. This money will allow me to focus primarily on school, and not as much on working to make a living.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC is near and dear to me, as it is my second Alma Mater behind TTU. I have now been a student within the Texas Tech University system since 2013. While I have never attended another institution, I believe one would be hard-pressed to find another University with such prowess and dignity. TTUHSC molds college students into success-drive, compassionate, and moral members of society. I am so grateful that my parents suggested that I attend TTU for college 8 years ago.



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**EDUARDO MUNOZ**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship to help cover the cost of my nursing education. As a first generation college student, the journey I have taken to get here was not easy, but it has been easier thanks to generous scholarships such as this one. I hope to use this scholarship money to complete my education and become an advocate for my community, while hopefully inspiring others like me to push towards success.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Receiving this scholarship will allow me to take out fewer loans for my education. The money, once received, will also help me be able to afford the NCLEX, after I just paid the Board of Nursing exam application earlier this week. Because I am unable to work during this program due to its strenuous time requirements, I will be using this scholarship to help cover the costs of my education, living expenses, and school materials.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to apply to TTUHSC because they offered a high quality, well-renowned accelerated BSN program. I loved being able to choose my top locations for the program, which allowed me to fulfill my dream of relocating to Austin. I believe TTUHSC has prepared me well for my future career as a nurse, and I am thankful for the high quality of education they have provided me. My professors are not only extremely knowledgeable, but they are also pioneers in the field and take a genuine interest in my life, while also preparing me for success.

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**LORI KENNY**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for allocating funds to assisting graduate level nursing students in pursuit of their Nurse Midwifery degree. This specialty has an incredible history and still has so much to evolve from. The healthcare system of women and newborns will be exceptionally improved with the more midwives there are in practice. I ultimately plan on serving in the military as a CNM, however if this is not available to me, I will pursue government support or community avenues to provide to patients from populations faced with health inequities and social disparities. I especially want to provide care to the underserved.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will be able to comfortably afford the costs of the required malpractice insurance premium for the upcoming clinical semester. This funding scholarship will help offset the costs of tuition, supplies, and other expenses. I am able to receive assistance through the military, however it covers only a portion and as the sole income of my family of 6 and disabled mother, this helps so incredibly much!

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

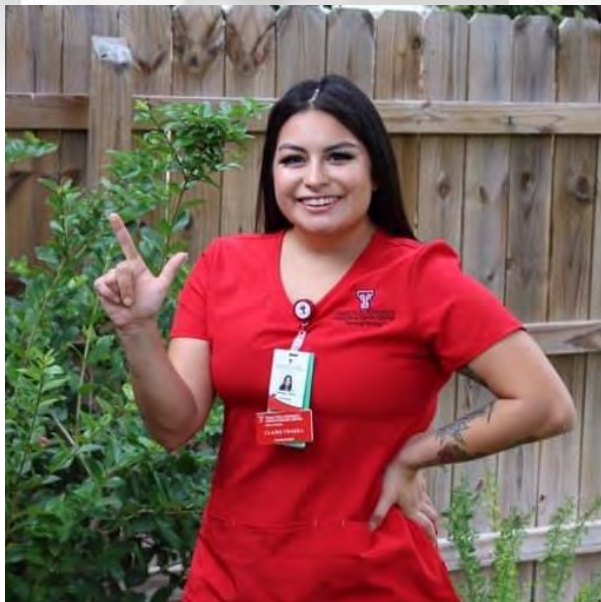
I was previously enrolled in 2014 in pursuit of my MSN CNM degree and selected TTUHSC as it was one of the closest programs available. I later discovered I had colleagues and friends who also attended and completed the program successfully. When I returned to my hometown in 2019, I decided it was time to finish my degree.



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**CLARISSA YBARRA**  
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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

When I was younger, I was diagnosed with epilepsy and spent most of my childhood in and out of the hospital. Although it was a trying time, my nurses made sure to not only be my caretakers, but my friends. I had a dream as a young adult that I would become a nurse and hopefully provide the same care that was provided to me as a child. Because of this scholarship, I can turn that dream into a reality. Thank you so much for your generous support of my journey!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With your generous gift, I will now be able to complete my final payments in my tuition payment plans and complete my last semester of nursing school! This scholarship will also help me in covering the fees for registering and scheduling my nursing license exam. Overall, this fund will help me complete my final steps to become a functional nurse in the healthcare field.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC has an amazing pass rate percentage for the NCLEX for all of their students. When I first toured TTUHSC, I was impressed by the opportunity the school offered in teaching their students in the state-of-the-art SimLife Center and Level 1 Trauma hospital. TTUHSC also has a special place in my heart due to all of the kind souls I have met here in my journey through nursing school. I have made some of my best friends and gotten guidance from faculty that shows compassion and patience for their learning students.



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**ELIZABETH BIXBY**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for your generosity. My fall tuition increased unexpectedly and, as a result, I had a higher financial burden than I anticipated. The scholarship funds will help me pay my bills and enable to focus on completing my program successfully. Your scholarship has put me one step closer to achieving my dreams.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me pay for my NCLEX and Board of Nursing fees so I can take my exam. I will also use these funds to purchase the remaining books I need for this semester. These funds will further help me with living expenses as my tuition this fall was greater than I anticipated.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose the TTUHSC School of Nursing's Second-Degree Accelerated program because of the unique clinical preparation. No other school of nursing in my community affords their students the opportunity to work one-on-one with a nurse preceptor for an entire year. Through the clinical experiences, I am given a step ahead of nursing students graduating from other programs.



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**HOLLY BUCHANAN**  
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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I have wanted to be a nurse for a long time now and nothing has stopped me so far. Nursing school is however costly, but my plan was to just pay off my loans after a graduate, but with this amazing scholarship, I am now able to pay off some of my tuition through this amazing scholarship. I really hope to further my nursing career as a nurse anesthetist or nurse practitioner and I am so thankful for this scholarship, as it encourages me to never give up on my dreams.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to pursue my goals of furthering my education, as I have less stress due to financial concerns. I am planning on going to nurse anesthetist school, which is very expensive, but I am trying to start saving money now! I am very thankful for your contribution and I can not express enough how much it means to me.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I toured Texas Tech University when I was only a Junior in High School and I fell in love with it instantly, especially the TTUHSC and all the cool simulation components. I am originally from Austin, Texas, but ever since moving to Lubbock, It feels more like home. The TTUHSC has the best faculty, students and supporters and I am so happy I had the opportunity to attend this great school.



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**AMY SMITH**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you for making this scholarship possible. This past year has been a really hard one for me in particular. I lost my grandmother who raised me a couple of months ago this past December. My grandmother was the whole reason that I wanted to become a nurse, so I could learn to care for her needs. Through my emotional and financial hardships and being overwhelmed, this scholarship has brought me light. It has taken a huge burden of financial stress away and I am so grateful for that. I will use this scholarship to further

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will use these scholarship funds for the required course material. I have not been able to purchase many textbooks or online learning materials for my classes due to financial hardship. I will now be able to afford to purchase these course required materials and better obtain the knowledge base for the set learning criteria. This will allow me to perform better in my classes and be more successful in this program.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to attend TTUHSC because of its competitive nature and its well-known quality of its nurses. I felt that this program would be a perfect fit for me recently getting out of the army. I have read about how well disciplined and structured the TTUHSC nursing program is. Structure is a quality that I value highly, and I felt that such structure and fast pace would aid me in my transition back into the civilian world.



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**ALEXA DURAN**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to deeply thank you for giving me this opportunity. This year has been extremely stressful emotionally and financially with my father's kidney transplant. It was very hard when my mother lost her job when she took a leave of absence to take care of my father after his surgery. My goal is to graduate and become a graduate Cardiac ICU nurse or a ICU nurse in either Austin, Texas or in Newport, Rhode Island. This scholarship will help fund my career in order to pay for my NCLEX Registration and study materials.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

On behalf of receiving this scholarship fund I will now be able to pay for my NCLEX pearsonview payment with ease. I will also be able to pay for fees for applying for my out of state licensure in Rhode Island. I will also use this to finish paying off some of the insurance I had to buy through the school for this semester. I am so thankful for this and look forward to becoming a graduate nurse.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because we are the BEST of the BEST. I toured the TTUHSC facility and I fell in love. The amount of useful materials that was offered for the students was amazing. I chose TTUHSC because of the diverse population and all of the amazing opportunities that are offered. TTUHSC is special to me because I have built my confidence with all of the information the amazing professors have taught me. The professors and the rest of the community respect you and make you feel so welcomed.

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**ANGELA BOHM**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am passionate about becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner and specializing in the prevention and treatment of chronic illnesses. This scholarship will help me achieve that while helping many people! Thank you again for your generosity and support. It does not go unnoticed and I hope one day to support future nurses in the same way!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me accomplish another semester without taking out loans. I am very proud to be the first member of my family to be achieving a Master's education of any kind. I am working full-time and attending school full-time this scholarship helps to relieve some financial stress off my shoulders!

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I choose to attend TTUHSC to pursue my Masters of Nursing due to witnessing firsthand the caliber of graduates coming out of TTUHSC. I have numerous colleagues also attending TTUHSC and all of them had nothing but amazing accolades regarding the program and the professors at Tech. Even though I am only two semesters in, I already have so much respect for the TTUHSC Nursing Program and the professors I have had the privilege of learning under. I proudly support TTUHSC and thank you for financially supporting me so I can continue to focus on my studies



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**BILLIE CORWIN**  
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#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

I am an older RN and at first was intimidated by the thoughts of attending graduate school. The past year has been challenging for all of us but I was determined to continue my education amidst a global pandemic. My fondest dream is to spend the rest of my career caring for the home-bound rural elderly. I want to make house calls and improve the lives of so many that can't see a health care professional easily. By caring for this patient population it is my hope that I make a difference in the quality of their lives.

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

Thank you for this scholarship. I was very excited to learn that I was selected as a recipient from so many applicants. Thanks to you, I am one-step closer to achieving my dreams. By receiving this scholarship, you have eased the burden of student loan debt as I pursue my dream to be an FNP in the rural hill country!

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

I earned my RN-BSN at TTUHSC and loved the university so much I applied to graduate school for FNP studies. I became an RN in 2004 and it had been several years since I had been in school. I enjoyed everything I learned and applied what I learned to my nursing practice ever since. What an honor to receive this scholarship!



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**ILWAAD OMAR**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you for this award. Nursing school is expensive, and it has been a struggle figuring out how to financially support myself while in this program. This scholarship will allow for me to be able to afford the cost of school, so I can graduate and give back to my community as a labor & delivery nurse.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am extremely grateful for the scholarship I have received and feel as though a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. The scholarship money is able to cover half of what I have left to pay off for my tuition this semester. This opportunity has relieved myself of the stress that has been weighing heavy on me and will allow me to direct my full attention onto my studies so I can excel this semester.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I'm a Texas Tech University alumna and loved my time as a red raider. As a student at TTU, I heard amazing things about TTUHSC and the opportunities they provide for their students. My Communications in Nursing class at TTU allowed for me to interact with multiple TTUHSC staff and after touring the TTUHSC campus, I knew that it would be a great fit for me to continue my education. So far, I am completely satisfied with my education at TTUHSC and know by the end, I will be prepared to begin my nursing journey.



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**KATIE KRAUSE**  
School of Nursing

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

I have always believed that life is a series of ripple effects and the greatest amount of good can be done when we come together, as a community, to serve one another. I feel an immense responsibility to ensure that your generosity is extended to each and every patient I serve. The path to my future still remains open; however, my heart is dedicated to serving in the most difficult of situations. Whether caring for our most fragile or advocating for the undeserved, the future will shine a little brighter because you believed in the power of nursing. Thank you!

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

Upon receiving notification of this scholarship, I was overcome with a feeling of relief and gratitude. The financial cost of school, in and of itself, can be difficult to cover; however, these funds will allow me to keep my children safely in school. In doing so, it provides an opportunity for them to flourish and explore the world outside our home while allowing me to dedicate my time to excelling in this program. So, free of any mom guilt, I can wholeheartedly chase the success I am determined to earn.

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

As a TTU alumna, I have always cherished my time as a Red Raider. I remember those years fondly - filled with camaraderie and never lacking in adventure. After 14 years as an event producer, I found that my calling in life would lead to nursing. With great excitement, I found that TTUHSC not only offered me an opportunity to rejoin this community but had an incredible reputation for excellence and achievement. I feel privileged to be a part of this program and, upon graduation, I look forward to serving my community as one of the very best.





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**KINSEY PROCTOR**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for selecting me for this. Like many, I am starting a new career and I have not had the opportunity to secure a lot of savings. My mother has been helping me with immediate funds needed and she is a single mother of three other kids so I didn't like taking money for her. This helps to put her mind at ease about my welfare as well. So thank you so much. I can't begin to describe my appreciation.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

For the aid I plan to pay a couple of months worth of rent. I can now focus on procuring funds that will be needed for summer books and resources. I am so grateful for this aid as I know I would have been distracted and my mind preoccupied by how I will afford rent.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of how HELPFUL and informative the admission faculty was. That along with the stats of previous students. I learned about TTUHSC from UT nursing school and I knew if they were pointing students in that direction that the school must be amazing. I wasn't ever able to visit the campus but when I did zooms with the faculty they were so nice and never made me feel like I was bothering them, and I emailed Ms. Cindy DeAnda ALOT!

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**MADISON MCCAULEY**  
School of Nursing

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

Your investment in the future of potential nurses is such a special gift to those who may be struggling financially to get by. I am truly honored to have been selected and hope to one day be able to give back to my community as you have done for me. You are directly helping me advance my knowledge, skills, and I am one step closer to living the life of my dreams, all thanks to you. I am forever grateful for your generosity and I will never be able to thank you enough.

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

This scholarship will help me to purchase the necessary equipment and materials needed for the Nursing Program, such as textbooks and NCLEX study books. I will also be able to pay for my housing for the semester as I am a self-pay student. By awarding me this scholarship, you have allowed me to primarily focus on my studies by decreasing my financial hardships.

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

TTUHSC School of Nursing provided the best opportunity for me to receive my Bachelor's of Nursing and achieve my goal of becoming a registered RN. TTUHSC School of Nursing is known worldwide and continues to impress me every day with its 95% NCLEX pass rate and clinical opportunities that are unmatched. Additionally, it offered all these services at a reasonable cost for me and has exceeded all my expectations. I admire the alumni program the school possesses and have made friendships and relationships in Lubbock that will last a lifetime.



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**MICHAEL PACER**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much to the St. David's Foundation for investing in my future in healthcare. I plan to do my best to become the best nurse I possibly can and to help others to the best of my ability. This scholarship will allow me to focus even more on accomplishing that goal. And it is a kindness I will carry with me as I care for others. Thank You.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I plan on purchasing a membership to Nursing.com, as well as some additional study materials from LevelUpRN and some supplementary books on assessment and critical care nursing. This will also help me pay off some work that I had to have done to my car unfortunately. I am also strongly considering buying a Texas Tech Nursing T-shirt. :D

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I joined the US Army as a medic in 2011. I served with the 82D Airborne Division, completing two tours in Afghanistan. After my time in the Army I started working in an ER here in Austin and knew that I wanted to stay in healthcare and pursue nursing. I met several nursing students during my work that had graduated from TTUHSC and they honestly were some of the best nurses I worked with. So I always remembered the program and it was the first nursing program I applied to. The VBSN program is excellent and I'm ecstatic to be here.





**SHARMEEN FAROOQUE**

School of Nursing

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

As a first-generation Asian American who did not follow a conventional route with education, I was never in a position to apply for scholarships because my grades did not warrant an award. I can proudly say that I have made the appropriate changes to follow my dreams and continue in my path for nursing. I have excelled in my academics and it is a long-term goal of mine to continue in advanced nursing in the future. I am eternally grateful for this opportunity and cannot thank you enough for providing such a generous gift to this future red raider nurse!

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

The funds from this scholarship will be used towards tuition cost. Financial aid awards do not cover the entire cost of tuition, which leaves me to pay out-of-pocket for the remainder. Not only will this scholarship allow me to feel less stressed on a financial aspect, it will also allow me to focus energy on my studies without having to worry so much on how I will be able to afford my out-of-pocket payments.

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

TTUHSC lives by their values of work ethic excellence, with open-communication and respect. I found this to be true and evident during the application process and continued to experience this same level of organization throughout the first semester of the program. One of the biggest factors which led me to apply to TTUHSC were the high praises of two nurses who worked with TTUHSC new grads. Another important factor that especially stood out to me was the amount of clinical hours that nursing students would acquire by end of the program.



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**JORDAN REITER**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to supporting healthcare in Abilene. Abilene is such a special community. I have lived in Cross Plains for almost 4 years and Abilene is where we go for almost everything. We play roller hockey, go to movies, and play in the park here. It means so much to receive a scholarship from people who also care so much about Abilene. Thank you so much for this incredible honor.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

There are a lot of extra expenses in this last semester of nursing school. This scholarship will help me pay for my Nursing Jurisprudence Exam, NCLEX, and additional review and study materials that we are required to purchase. This scholarship will keep me from having to take out more loans to pay for school expenses, keeping my financial burden to a minimum after graduation.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because I love Abilene. The campus is beautiful and the program gives me an opportunity to complete clinicals in hospitals I want to work in. The TTUHSC program has been even more amazing than I expected. I did not expect it to feel so much like a family where everyone has cared about me and my success in this program. The standards are high, but everyone here has worked to help me meet those high standards.



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**ADAM LINDEN**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Financial burdens can be the largest hurdle to overcome in completing a degree in higher education. By receiving this scholarship, it greatly reduces the stress of paying for school, allowing me to fully focus on completing my Bachelor of Science in Nursing and maintaining my 4.0 GPA. I have aspirations of becoming a flight medic and then a nurse practitioner. Eventually I would like to also be involved in education to teach the new generation of nurses. Thank you!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will utilize these funds to meet the costs for the various applications and exams required to obtain my license; these include the jurisprudence test, NCLEX application and exam registration. Other costs will include daily living expenses such as rent, food and gas. I will be also utilize these funds to purchase brand new scrubs, this time, in blue.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I grew to appreciate the complexities of the medicine as an Army medic and firefighter. I decided I wanted to pursue a higher scope of practice and stumbled on this program. I could not pass up the opportunity to achieve a BSN in a year, so moved to Texas soon after and completed the required prerequisites. Under the grueling workload our faculty has been beyond compare and our 24 hours in clinicals every week has been the nuts and bolts of the program, thrusting us into the hospital environment, familiarizing and molding us as future nurses.





**ASHLEY SARTIN**  
School of Nursing

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

Thank you for seeing my potential and your generosity. This scholarship will enable me to afford a very costly continuing education course for cosmetic injections. Such a course will help me achieve my ultimate goal of becoming a national trainer and educator for injectables. I also want to be politically involved in changing laws advocating for patient safety in the beauty industry.

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

As a cosmetic nurse injector, I plan to invest in continuing education that focuses on anatomy, specifically continuing education that uses cadavers. In our industry, "the fear of injections is the fear of anatomy." This class will provide me with a deeper understanding of anatomy, tissue planes, and patient safety. I have wanted to participate in such a continuing education course for well over a year, and I'm grateful this desire is now attainable.

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

I have not attended the TTUHSC campus, but the staff has visited the Austin Community College campus several times to promote the RN to BSN bridge program. I honestly always attended because they offered a free lunch. At this time, I was struggling to feed myself and was desperate for food. Though I was there for a meal, I stayed because the Texas Tech representatives treated me with dignity. Since this particular presentation, I knew I wanted to be a Red Raider.



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**CAITLIN BATCHELLER**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I've grown up with nursing in my blood as my mother has been in healthcare longer than I've been alive. I've seen the struggles people face with major career changes and returning to school without being able to work and support themselves, and as one of those people, I am so honored to receive this. This scholarship is more than money to me as it represents a larger purpose of supporting the healthcare community and working to bolster the education of our future healthcare providers and leaders. Thank you again.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This generous scholarship will allow me to pay off my student loans faster than I would be able to do otherwise. The mental strain of knowing what financial debt awaits me at the end of this one-year program is daunting, but much less so because of this financial support. There are also many unexpected expenses, such as simulation software and medical reference apps, that were not initially budgeted for, so I will use this money to help pay for tuition and the supplemental materials that deepen my understanding of nursing and healthcare.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC offers a very unique online, distance learning second-degree BSN program that had been recommended to me. Upon further investigation, I realized that my learning style is very independent and at my own pace, but that I also require structure and reinforcement of learned material. This program has incredible local professors for the Austin cohort that I am absolutely honored to learn from and be challenged by.

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**CLAYTON JANOSEK**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for making my goals attainable. After being buried in student loan debt and feeling like I would never be able to attend school again while paying off loans, the help I have received has been nothing short of miraculous. I've made mistakes in the past and fallen into hard times, but the generosity that has been shown to me has been nothing short of inspirational and a perfect description of the community of Red Raiders I've met along my journey. I will always be grateful for the helping hand of the community pulling me up.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

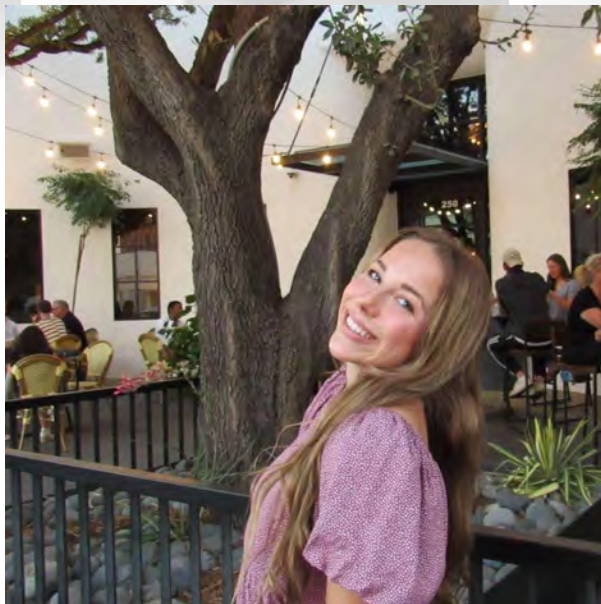
These funds will help me complete my academic goals by relieving some of the burdens of tuition costs. I have been working full-time throughout the pandemic and trying to attend school simultaneously. This scholarship is such a relief because I have been picking up extra shifts in order to pay off student loans from my previous academic endeavors while also trying to pay tuition without taking on additional debt.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because TTU was where my journey began. I was a full-time Red Raider from 2009 - 2012 when I had to leave for medical reasons. Coming back, for me, was a no-brainer. It is the perfect continuation of my personal underdog-comeback story. The lessons I have learned as a Red Raider have benefitted me in innumerable ways and I believe they contributed to making me the man I have become today.



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**CORINNE KELLY**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Words simply cannot express my gratitude for your kindness and willingness to help me. Thanks to you, I am so much closer to reaching the end of my journey and beginning a new one. After graduating in December of 2021, I plan to work as a Labor and Delivery Nurse for the first couple of years, then work as a Travel Nurse around the world!! I cannot wait to save lives and bring as much happiness to peoples day that I can! Thank you again for everything, you have brought much joy to my heart!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Thanks to your generosity, I will put my funds towards my monthly rent. I am responsible for paying my own rent, so having my next 2 months of rent covered for is such a blessing. It will be wonderful to be able to save up a bit, and even pay for other things that I wasn't able to before. Not having to stress about money on top of the stress I continuously have from school, will allow me to focus better on my academics and give me a peaceful mind during all the craziness that Nursing School brings.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

As an individual I have always been terrible at any decision-making. I actually went to community college for a year because I was still uncertain where I wanted to go, especially for nursing. As corny as it may sound, the day I visited TTUHSC for the first time, I simply just felt at home. There was no hesitation. I quickly found out how prestigious their nursing program was, and how passionate and driven all the teachers were to help students be successful. So far, I can say TTUHSC was the best decision I have ever made.



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**LETICIA ROA GUERRERO**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am beyond grateful and floored that I was selected as a recipient from so many applicants. This year has been especially hard, but with your selfless gift, I am so much closer in achieving my dream. As a first-time graduate in my family, it is humbling to be in the position that I currently am in. I am eager to serve my patients and community by providing a comprehensive holistic care approach upon graduating. Your generosity is an inspiration to me, and I hope that one day I will be able to reciprocate the help you are currently giving.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

When COVID swept the nation, this virus also swept through the clinical opportunities that were available in my community. There are currently sites who are not accepting students into their facilities for precautionary measures. Measures that I completely support. With these funds, I am able to travel to clinical sites that fortify my skills and solidify my clinical understanding without worrying about the financial hardship involved with traveling.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I have met many registered nurses and residents who have gone to TTUHSC. In all, their capabilities, dedication, and personable demeanor are something to admire. When I began searching for schools to pursue my AGACNP career, I only applied to TTUHSC as it was the only school where I felt I can truly be successful. As I am now in my last semester, I know that I made the correct selection as I have continually been supported by both my professors and peers.



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**MIKAH BARNES**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to give the biggest thank you to the donor for making this scholarship opportunity available to me. I have just started nursing school at the TTUHSC and although challenging, I couldn't be more optimistic and excited for my nursing journey ahead. This is only the beginning, and this scholarship will help me to obtain my goals in the future so that way I am able to give back to the community as the donor has done.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will be able to help me further my academic education at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. These funds will go towards my tuition, and will help me to maintain my spot in nursing school. I will also be able to purchase study materials such as textbooks and online applications that will go towards my studies.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for pursuing my nursing education because all throughout my undergrad, I have been welcomed with open arms by my fellow Red Raiders and by my professors. After researching schools around Texas, I came to the conclusion that attending nursing school at the TTUHSC was the only option for me. It is one of the most prestigious schools in Texas, and I couldn't imagine a more perfect fit due to the amazing faculty and staff here at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.



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**RAZAN MAHMOUD**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for this scholarship. My parents have sacrificed so much coming from the other side of this world, for this moment. I have no choice but to use my perseverance and determination to successfully complete nursing school to ensure care of people from diverse backgrounds. As a nurse, I will have the utmost empathy and respect for all of my patients, no matter their background or condition. My identity as a Muslim-American has increased my desire to join a diverse community and create a voice for myself and for who I am as a Muslim-American.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I was very excited to learn that I was selected as a recipient from so many applicants. With funds of this scholarship I will be able to afford paying for my courses at the nursing school. By awarding me this scholarship, you have allowed me to focus on my studies by decreasing my financial hardship during this pandemic. Your generosity is an inspiration to me. It is my hope that I too can one day help others in the way that you have helped me.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I have faced many hardships aside from financial struggles growing up due to the fact of being a Muslim Sudanese-American. The path of ensuring a good future, began with my parents immigrating from Sudan, trying to make sure I will be a first generation college student. My older brother now an Alumni and my sister attending the pharmacy school, I knew this school was destined for greatness for my family.



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**SAMANTHA GAONA**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I have worked part-time throughout this program, and it has been increasingly difficult to maintain. It increases my stress level and has taken a toll on my overall health, but it was essential to maintain financial stability. This scholarship means so much to me. I appreciate every single dollar awarded. I plan to use the knowledge and experiences I have gained in this program to be an outstanding nurse and impact the lives of all patients I encounter.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The scholarship funds I have received will be used for the books the nursing program requires, NCLEX preparation material, and part of the tuition I was had to take out a loan for. The resources that have been provided to me will allow me to accel in my program and provide me with the materials I need. Thank you for for your geneorsity, I can increase my focus on school and reduce my work hours.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC provided an ABSN program with an incredible reputation. When I decided to pursue nursing, I spoke to 4 nurses, and they all agreed that the TTUHSC ABSN students were the most prepared in a clinical setting. I have received an outstanding education so far, and am confident I will be successful in my future career. I am impressed with the amount of knowledge I have gained in one year's time and am ready to put it to good use.

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**TAYLOR MERCER**  
School of Nursing

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

Because of you, you have made my dreams a true dream and more. Thank you for your hard work and sharing with others. You have inspired me during a tough time and I will not stop the hard work until I can do for others, the way you have done to me. After nursing school, I plan to gain experience and then go back to school to become a neonatal nurse practitioner. Again, thank you.

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

Growing up in Texas, I always knew I wanted to attend TTUHSC to become a nurse. My parents are extremely supportive and help when they can, but I have had to pull out loans and will be leaving college with financial funds to pay back. Thanks to your scholarship, my funds have now lessened. Thanks to you, you have lessened mine and my parents financial stress.

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

Attending TTUHSC has been my dream since freshman year of high school when I discovered that it was my calling to become a nurse. Since that moment, I have done everything possible to get to this spot, a spot in TTUHSC. Although I am here, the dream isn't over. I will continue to work hard and make this scholarship worth while.



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**TESSA REAVIS**  
School of Nursing

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much the opportunity and assistance with my further education. This scholarship will help me continue to cover the costs of furthering my education. This year I lost a family member to suicide and it has inspired me to work as a nurse advocate for legislation for mental health care coverage and health insurance coverage. This means using my education and experience to make an impact to help people get the care that they need to avoid suicide or poor mental health care.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will use the funds provided to me to help cover my costs of living including my rent and utilities. I will now be able to afford to work less hours per week giving me more time to work on my assignments. Currently I work full time but I work 36 hour weeks during the school year to have a few extra hours for course work.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Several coworkers and classmates of mine from my under graduate program who have attended TTUHSC. I heard a lot of great things about TTUHSC from these previous students. The way that this program is designed has worked very well for me to continue to work to support myself while furthering my education. The faculty at TTUHSC really believe in this program and they truly care about the future of nursing and for that I feel I am being prepared for a successful APRN career.



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