

NOTES FROM PRIOR YEAR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Estefania

Thank you for your support! I am graduating from the university of my dreams this quarter, UCLA. I anticipate to graduate with Cum Laude Honors in Sociology. After graduation, I will be staying at UCLA for a summer internship within the Summer Sessions Department.

Rosa

I am currently a junior majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Next year, I will be a senior. I hope to graduate by spring 2023. This summer, I will be doing an internship at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, which I'm looking forward to. In the future, I'm not sure what I want to do. However, I am definitely going to take a year gap where I can focus on doing research and prepare to further my education.

The scholarship money has helped alleviate the stress of having to pay for college tuition and basic needs. Coming from a low-income household, I feel very fortunate that I don't have to work an extra job or borrow money. This scholarship has kept me debt free and even allowed me to pursue research. That is, since I didn't have to work to pay for school, I was allowed to volunteer as an undergraduate researcher. For the opportunities and blessings this scholarship has brought, I am extremely grateful.

Mayte

Hello! This is my last semester at CSUMB doing my credential year and will officially be a teacher! I hope to soon have my own classroom as I am doing my service hours with such an amazing Co-teacher and mentor! I have learned a lot from her and this journey I am looking forward to the future! Thank you so much.

Claire

First, I just want to say thank you for the scholarship, it was extremely helpful during the start of the year. I am doing well, I love UCLA, trust me it's difficult at times, a lot to handle, stressful, but wonderful. The people here are amazing, people are so curious to learn about what the world has to offer. It's insane to be in such a unique space, but this space truly ignites me, and makes me work so much harder.

Peace Corps still on the table, yes, I'm still not there yet, but one day I will be. I decided I wanted to go into film, I got an internship for this summer at a production company that focuses on travel documentaries. I love to travel, it's my biggest passion and I can't believe I landed a job that is so perfectly suited for me. Life has been great, LA is so much different than Chualar canyon, but truly it has changed my perspective on life completely.

Thank you again for the scholarship, I can't express my gratitude enough. I remember the chat we had during the interview, it was so nice to meet y'all. I wish you the absolute best!

I have one more year at UCLA, I will continue to update you through my journey.

Warm regards,
Claire

Joanna

Thank you so much this award has helped me so much financially for school. I am currently finishing up the semester of spring 2022 with outstanding grades and signed up for classes this upcoming semester

of fall 2022. It's been a tough long journey but I have managed to stay on track with my career. I been able to keep up and stay financially stable but it has been hard at times. It means a lot reaching out. I am expected to apply for graduation as well this fall to graduate spring of 2023.

Selene

I am Selene and I also received the AAUW Scholarship. The scholarship was a tremendous help for me during the academic school year. I was working two jobs at the time. I was able to let go of one job and focus more on school. This was my last semester and I graduated with my Bachelor and I am currently applying for my preliminary credential. I graduated with distinction (honors) in my major for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average and higher. I am in the process of applying for the masters program that starts this fall which I am extremely excited about.

Thank you for all the help and support!