

CFCE Union Member Scholarship Response

Ever since the first day I attended preschool to my first day at the University of California Riverside, both my parents have supported me every step of the way. They have acknowledged my awards and achievements and have given me positive reinforcement for my accomplishments. From showing me off to other parents, friends, and family to personally telling me, they show me every day how proud they are of me for the goals I have attained. As the first person attending college in my family, I want to graduate in 4 years to show them that the support they have given me was all worth it.

While I was attending high school, I applied and was admitted to a club called Boy's League. The club was mainly established to offer help to a community in need. One event we attended was a toy drive in a nearby elementary school. We helped set up, sell, coordinate, and tear down since most of the individuals running the drive were elders. In addition, we were invited to clean up the shores of Huntington Beach. We were all assigned different tasks that day. I was told to go near the shoreline and pick up any sort of visible trash and put it in my trash bag. That day we left the beach spotless of garbage. I also pick up trash whenever I have a chance. If I am walking by and I see an empty can or box, I will pick it up and throw it away just as a way of helping out my community.

From high school to now, I have shown enormous dedication, perseverance, and progress within my academic work. Throughout high school, I was faced with difficulties like balancing my academic work with my job, marching band and drumline practices, and club meetings and

events. Even with the very tight schedule I had, I always found a way to manage my time between studying and homework, and everything else. After all the stress and tears, I ended up graduating top ten percent of my class with a grade point average of 3.83 and was admitted to the University of California Riverside.

Throughout high school and my first year in college, I set multiple educational goals that I am determined to accomplish. I am committed to graduate from the University of California Riverside within 4 years with a grade point average of 3.5 or above. After graduating from college, I will begin to apply to graduate schools to gain further knowledge of environmental sciences. After graduating and receiving my master's degree in environmental sciences, I plan on studying abroad with programs that will teach me how to apply my knowledge to real-life situations. Once I am done studying abroad, I will begin to apply for jobs to start my next chapter in life. After I settle down with a decent paying job, I will plan to rent out my first apartment. From there, I will begin to pay my parents back for all the support I have received. My parents have always had the dream of traveling but never had the chance to because of me, but now I am hoping that I will be able to pay for their vacation in the Bahamas or France. Finally, one last goal I would love to accomplish is being recognized for the research, fieldwork, and discoveries I make in the future that will make this place more beautiful than it is already. After all, people deserve to live in a world free of pollution and experience all of nature's beauties.