

# Thank You Notes from Kirkwood Scholarship Recipients

THANK  
YOU! 😊

“Knowing that I have your support gives me more confidence and peace of mind as I take this next step. I'll be attending Kirkwood this summer and majoring in nursing. I've always been passionate about helping others, and now I feel like I'm finally on the path to making that dream a reality. Beyond the money, it means a lot just to know that *someone believes in me and my potential*. I'm committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to one day pay it forward.

- Kolsie, Nursing



Receiving this scholarship is more than financial relief—it is affirmation. It tells me that people like you believe in second chances, in the strength of the human spirit, and in futures shaped by kindness and grit.

- Glenesha, Liberal Arts

This scholarship is a life-changing gift.

- Marie, Interior Design  
& Interior Architecture



My first year here was hard. It was just in and out every single day. I nearly never joined in on any of the events offered here on campus, as I always needed to go straight to work. It was so hard looking at all my peers doing all these amazing things. I wanted to join them but I was held back by a financial burden. That's why this scholarship means so much to me. It will allow me to be part of the Kirkwood community like I've so deeply wanted.

- Logan, Liberal Arts



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but  
Gratitude!

Financial stress is one of the biggest hurdles when adjusting from military service to civilian life, and even more so when also being a student. This scholarship not only relieved that stress, but it also is a reminder that there are individuals and institutions invested in the sacrifices service members have made, and are looking to help us move into our future. Your financial support of my education and future means far more than I can express, and encourages me to continue to work with confidence and determination toward my goal.

- Hayden, Business Administration



This award not only helps with school costs, but it also helps me in a deeper way. I've had to face hard times, and some days I wondered about my future. But thanks to your kindness, I **feel empowered to keep moving forward** and reach my goals. I want you to know that your help is making a **HUGE DIFFERENCE** in my life.

- Vincent, Liberal Arts

Thank you again for your generosity and belief in the importance of education. Your support makes a tremendous difference in my life, and I am determined to one day give back to future students the way you have supported me.

- Kelly, Nursing



This scholarship will help reduce the financial stress that often comes with going back to school as a working adult and parent. More importantly, **it motivates me to keep going.**

- Morgan, Liberal Arts



This scholarship calms the worry I carry as I try to balance working and paying tuition on my own. It gives me the space to focus, to breathe, and to dream bigger not just for myself, but for my family here in Iowa and back in El Salvador. I want to help others in my family reach college, too, because I don't want to be the only one, I want to be the first of many. Thank you so much for your kindness and believing in students like me. **You've made a real difference in my life,** and I will carry this blessing forward with everything I do.

- Silvia, Interior Design & Interior Architecture

Your gift does more than help with tuition. It restores hope, fuels ambition and changes lives.  
- Tiffany, Business Management

With your help, I am able to focus more on my studies and less on the financial stress that weighs on students like me. Being the first in my family to attend college comes with both pride and pressure. ...This scholarship gives me the motivation to continue working hard and striving for success. It reminds me that people like you believe in students like me, and that makes all the difference.

- Desiree, Graphic Communication Tech

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