

Dr. Linda Stegall Excellence in Education Endowment Scholarship
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Dear Donor:

I am a student at Lone Star College, Kingwood, and would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the Dr. Linda Stegall Excellence in Education Endowment Scholarship.

I come from a somewhat unusual background. I am of British and Guatemalan nationality and hold citizenship from both countries. My parents emigrated to Japan, where I was born and raised. While English is my first language, I also speak fluent Japanese and Spanish. After attending both Japanese schools and an international school during my elementary and junior high school years, I was home-schooled as a high school student. Upon graduating, I taught English as a second language to Japanese children for over ten years. In 2006, I left Japan to travel and live in Latin America. For two years, I lived and worked in Guatemala, teaching English and working as a coordinator at a Spanish Language school.

It was in Guatemala that I decided I wanted to go to college in the United States and obtain a nursing degree. Although I enjoyed teaching English, I wanted a change, and felt nursing was a career I was suited to. I wanted to be involved in a profession, like the teaching I had done for over ten years, that I would find meaningful and rewarding.

I have been in the United States just over a year now and have completed all but one of the necessary prerequisites for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program at Lone Star College. It is my plan and my sincere hope that I will be admitted to the nursing program at Lone Star College-Kingwood in January of 2011.

As you may know, the tuition fees for international students are substantially higher than those for in-state students. This scholarship will enable me to give more attention to my studies and focus less on meeting tuition costs and basic living expenses.

Once I obtain my AAS in Nursing, it is my intention to work as a registered nurse and at the same time, to pursue a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. I would welcome the opportunity to work in a hospital here in the United States that offers care to people of lower socio-economic level, and I would also like to work overseas in a developing country. My interest is in obstetrics, women's wellness and emergency room nursing.

Once again, thank you very much for this honor. I truly appreciate your generous contribution to my education and my future.

Sincerely,


Maria Godoy