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Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Thanks USA Scholarship

I am writing you to thank you for the very generous \$3,000 scholarship. I am beyond grateful for having been selected as the recipient. Being a student and a military wife can be stressful at times, so any extra help from those who believe in my success with only further push me along and add to the enthusiasm that I have for my future.

In case you are wondering more about myself, I am a third year, senior Biology major, who previously transferred from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and am now enrolled at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN. I have always had my mindset on working in the medical field, meaning for me either medical school or physicians assistant school. I am working towards becoming certified in medical coding to be able to work as a coder part-time for further hospital experience. I've also been serving on the grant committee at Austin Peay as well as the Keys to the World student council. I help spread information about service learning and study abroad opportunities to students and faculty by being a member of the Keys council. I am one of the three students on the grant committee, working with staff as part of the decision-making process of allotting money for these trips and projects related to service learning and studying abroad. After going on mission/work trips in different countries myself, I hope to continue to reach out to others and always continue learning. As you can see, I have a lot of dreams and ambitions and a long way to go, but I love every part of the learning process.

Again, I cannot stress how appreciative I am with this scholarship. By lightening my financial burden, you have allowed me to, instead of struggle with balancing school and work, direct my time on the aspects of school that are most important to me; the steps to help me towards my goals. Now I am able to concentrate more of my time towards learning and growing, whether that be studying or immersing myself in the campus with extracurricular clubs or service. My next goal is to be able to give something back as you have to me. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,