



People Helping People Scholarship Bio

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My name is Kelsey Gurgainous and I am 20 years old. I will be starting the Associate Degree of Nursing Program at James Sprunt Community College in the fall. After obtaining my 2-year nursing degree, I will be pursuing a 4-year nursing degree (BSN). Since I was a child, I have always been interested in helping people and caring for their needs.

Children have always been a love and passion of mine, so I am looking forward to using my nursing skills in the neonatal and/or pediatric setting. I also enjoy serving others and my community as a volunteer EMT at Union Rescue Squad and as a volunteer in the NICU and PICU at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. This scholarship will be very beneficial in helping me to reach my goals to better serve others and my community in the healthcare field.



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Nothing worthwhile in this life happens by accident; it takes hard work and determination to accomplish the goals we set before ourselves. Success is the final destination of every life, but the road to that desired result is unique for every individual. My vision of success is to become an Emergency Room Nurse. James Sprunt Community College's two-year Associate Degree Nursing program will assist me on the path to reaching my dream. Upon completion of the program, my plan is to obtain my

bachelor's and master's degrees as well as eventually become the head nurse of the Emergency Room.

I feel the People Helping People Scholarship is perfect for me since my passion is helping others. Putting others needs before my own is a true joy for the individual, but I believe it lifts my spirits twice as much. Being able to better someone's life and improve their wellbeing is the desire of my heart, which is why I chose nursing as my career path. I have volunteered at New Hanover Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room for two years and each visit I make causes my desire to become a nurse to grow. I want to better the lives of an individual I can, which is why I am also a pharmacy technician. By filling prescriptions, I improve the overall quality of someone's life, as well as encourage them on their journey to better health. Overall, knowing I can be there to comfort individuals in pain at the ER or put a smile on someone's face in the pharmacy makes me realize I am making a difference, and that is the real reason I want to become a nurse.

By receiving this scholarship, I will have the opportunity to turn my dream into a reality. Nursing school is a privilege to be a part of, but it is also very expensive. With the help of this scholarship, I will not have to worry about money or work, which will in turn allow me to put all my focus into education. As my knowledge for nursing increases, I move closer and closer to my final destination, and I am confident my dreams will be reached.