

To the LAUCS Region Scholarship Foundation:

I am humbled and truly grateful that you have selected me for the Be Everett + Gwendolyn E. Cochran Memorial. As the deadline had loomed close, I almost didn't apply because I did not believe that I would be a viable candidate due to the after affects of my brain injury.

To me imagine my overwhelming gratitude and pure shock that I felt when I learned that I would be receiving a scholarship this year. When my doctor and I decided a year ago to take a medical deferment, I struggled to see any educational future. Between medical bills and fighting to retrain my brain, I was very wary going back to school this fall to pursue my dream of becoming a physical therapist.

Receiving this scholarship at this time of my life is a tender mercy. I am so grateful for your support. Because of this gift, I will not only be enabled to pursue my passion, but I will be allowed the time necessary for my brain to complete a new step of recovery, which is returning to school.

It is remarkable that I live in a community with so many individuals who are willing to give their time and resources in an act of true altruism. With this time I have been afforded to study and grow, I wish to build a compassionate community ~~by~~ ^{duly} doing my part. And this is because you have given me my second chance.

THANK-YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO,

-Karina MacLeod