

Seton Hall Minette's Angels Foundation Scholarship

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I am currently a sophomore at Seton Hall University studying Nursing (BSN). My experiences so far in the BSN program here at Seton Hall have confirmed my love for nursing and passion for the field. Classes like health assessment and Nursing Therapeutics have given me the opportunity to gain assessment skills and advanced skills related to patient care. I am looking forward to expanding my knowledge during clinical in the upcoming fall of 2018.

In addition to being a full time student, I volunteer with the emergency medical service of Central Old Bridge and work twenty hours each week to help pay for my tuition and other necessary expenses. It can be overwhelming at times to juggle my studies and extracurricular activities, but it is definitely worthwhile because my volunteer experience has given me the confidence to pursue a career in nursing.

I am one of four children, two of which are in college. My mom has been raising my siblings and I on her own since my father's passing in 2005, and has struggled financially to compensate for the loss of a second salary in addition to suffering great emotional pain. The Minette's Angels Scholarship has significantly lessened financial related stress and the burden of my tuition, for which I am extremely grateful. It has allowed me to focus on my studies and volunteer work related to nursing in order to continue succeeding in nursing school.

From a very young age, I took an interest in science, pathology, and disease. My love for science continued throughout my primary education and I decided to come to Seton Hall as a Biology major. After one semester of biology, I realized that I lacked fulfillment and decided to make the switch to nursing- a field focused on patient care, compassion, and service. I have found a sense of confidence, self-assurance, and belonging in nursing, and I am thankful for Minette's Angels for supporting my path as an aspiring nurse; I believe they should be supported by other self-driven students seeking careers. The Minette's Angels Foundation graciously lessens the emotional burden of financial-related stress and allows students to work toward healthcare careers which allow them to give back to their community.