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Scholarship: Construction Financial Management Association Scholarship

Dear Northwest Ohio Chapter of CFMA,

My name is Paige and I am an accounting and information systems major. I chose accounting because I love working with businesses and solving puzzles. I enjoy the structure of accounting. I decided to add information systems to get my 150 but I have really loved working with macros and learning some valuable tools for me when I enter the field as an auditor. I'm excited to be starting with EY in the fall.

Being a part of Beta Alpha Psi has helped me grow immensely. I am president of the organization and have become a better leader and overall more confident in myself. Beta Alpha Psi brought me the opportunity to work with CFMA and learn about your organization. The golf outing was an amazing event and helped me prepare for our annual golf outing, as well. I enjoyed working with CFMA and their volunteers and getting to talk to other students/professionals, too.

This scholarship truly came at a surprise for me. I was so excited to receive the notification. My last semester is going to be difficult with 18 credits and starting to study for the CPA. This scholarship has made it possible for me to attend the university nearly free this upcoming semester. It has removed the financial burden from my family.

I am so grateful to have been given this scholarship. It has been so exciting to be awarded and my family is very proud of me. I couldn't be more thankful to CFMA for helping me achieve my goals through this scholarship and making it possible for me to continue through my last semester without financial burdens. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

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Dear CFMA,

My name is Lesline Sims. I am a double major in Accounting and Information Systems. I chose Accounting because I had an innate ability to calculate and understand numbers. Information Systems, a sector of information technology, was a great second major because technology is rising more than ever and I wanted to be more adaptable in certain systems within my accounting major. I would like to further educate myself in the business realm and pursue a MBA and potentially a doctorates to become a professor.

I had the pleasure of going on the College of Business trip to Spain and Italy in 2018. This was a great experience for me because I learned how globalization works on a personal scale. I also became more independent and open-minded to the ideas of others around me. This also taught me the gratifying effects of knowing another language when you get lost and must find your way around town. I love how UT has so many different opportunities and I make sure to tell it to my friends at other universities!

This scholarship has impacted me physically and mentally. I no longer had to worry and stress about paying tuition or buying access codes and books. This then helped me to put all my focus on school and on my transcript. The peace and gratitude that came with this scholarship made me want to give to future students.

Thank you very much for the time you spent acquiring money to give to others. Please know that your scholarship is changing the lives of people like me who from a family of ten didn't think would go to college but your scholarship helped me excel in my classes and for that I am very grateful. I appreciate the time spent reading my thank you note. Once again thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear CFMA,

As an accounting student I learned about my interest in accounting through the PwC explore program and the Career Development 1 course by Professor Amy O' Donnell. The course and the program helped me understand the difference between having a job and having a career. Through my classes I also learned that accounting is a good fit for me so far. My professional goals in accounting are to either pursue a career in public accounting at a big 4 firm or become a professor in accounting. In both cases I intend to continue my education towards a master's degree.

As a student at the University of Toledo I learned a lot of information about the opportunities associated with university. I personally enjoy the research opportunities associated with university as well as the leadership opportunities students have in the professional organizations at the University. I enjoy being in organizations such as Alpha Kapa Psi, Beta Alpha Psi, and Searles Ambassadors

Receiving this scholarships helped me save money for graduate school. I am grateful to have this scholarship since it helps alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with being a college student.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have this scholarship. I appreciate the altruism and empathy the donors have to college students like me. This scholarship has indeed inspired me to give back to my university as an alumni. I am thankful for being a recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,

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