

“How the 2019 Women of the World Displaced Women’s Scholarship has increased your self-reliance and voice in the community.”

Attending such a highly respected university like the University of Utah is not a cheap endeavor. I have been affording it with the help of financial aid, through the generous support of some donations, and using some of the savings I have from my part-time employment. However, my money is spent a lot quicker than I can earn it and my family is not in a position to help. As a junior, to continue my education successfully, I cannot work full time this semester while taking a full-time schedule of major courses. These courses are cores for my major and crucial in my future career. They demand a large amount of time, study, and energy. But thanks to the Women of the World Displaced Women’s Scholarship, I have the opportunity to focus on my classes' content and the time to master the courses. Women of the World has enabled me to execute my studies to my fullest potential and lift a heavy financial burden. This has led to my current internship position. It was thanks to my grades and qualifications that I was fortunate enough to receive an internship offer from Ernst & Young (EY) in their People Advisory Services (PAS). This entails a forty percent increase in hourly wage compared to my previous employment. On the week of January the 13th I was flown to St. Charles, Illinois to start my training for the PAS service line with other interns nationally. During the training, I learned about the real-world knowledge, software, and participant guide in public accounting. I am so thankful for the growth I am developing through this experience as an intern with EY and the representation I could serve. Here is met extraordinary intelligent women from New York whom I consider sisters. April 17th will mark the end of my internship with anticipation of being offered a return offer in their full-time accountant.

Women of the World has also enabled me the opportunity to continue to serve my community through the Beacons program. Being an active part of my community has been a peaceful refuge where I can forget about my problems and focus on other people's needs. I have been working closely with Beacon Scholars to inspire future generations to strive to achieve higher education. As a mentor in Beacon, I have been a tutor, advisor, cheerleader, and friend for my mentee. As I work to turn my weakness of public speaking into a strength, I encouraged my mentee to join the various Case Competition hosted in the David School of Business. She was hesitant at first, given that it was out of her comfort zone and she knew no one else that had participated in it. After encouragement she signed up and in the end, with a little bit of coaching and cheering on, she presented with confidence and great content. I made it my mission to prepare people of color as leaders and empower our communities. I will graduate with my bachelor's in accounting and with a minor in information systems in less than a year, and I have already begun thinking of ways of continuing to pay it forward and other ways in which I can assist my community. Such as developing a nonprofit that helps students realize their full potential by providing them with resources to prepare for college -- a form of mentorship I can aid in the future. The volunteers will be able to give guidance and advice many students lack in

their own homes. Most do not have parents that attended high school let alone past Junior high; this is something which I have experienced. Thus it will be a place where there are resources provided that will create a transformative learning opportunity for young students to achieve their potential. I would also like to pay it forward by assisting low-income families to do their taxes free of charge. Taxes are a completed subject in which many individuals are not informed about. Essentially missing out on the potential benefits that would aid families financially.

The Women of the World manifests a selfless example through the many lives it continues to assist. I hope to demonstrate the same in the future. I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Displaced Women's Education Fund. My educational pursuits would not be possible without your generous support.

Thanks again for enabling me this great opportunity!

Warmest regards,

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