



Karime Stewardship Essay

I would like to start this letter addressing how thank full I am for this incredible opportunity that the women of the world scholarship have granted me. I cannot begin to express the gratitude I have for such amazing donors that provide this opportunity for students like me. These past years have been one of the hardest years we have all experienced together. Receiving this scholarship in 2020 allowed me to grasp onto various opportunities and helped me focus on important tasks. Receiving this scholarship helped me financially because during the time being, I was focused on my studies rather than having to worry about paying off the semester. Being the first person in my family to attend college it is incredibly difficult to navigate college on its own.

However, because of this scholarship I have found the time and availability to focus on finding voice and surround myself with those who would improve my future. It has improved my self-reliance ammendlesly. As many of people know the pandemic has hit all of us harshly. Some more than others. Adapting to an online environment was quite difficult. However, this experience has taught me so much more and I am more thankful for it than I am regretful of it. My mother got laid off and my father was having a difficult time paying bills. My siblings were in constant need of help and I had to help with at home responsibilities, maintain good grades and help with the household income. It was a difficult situation for all of us. This scholarship allowed me to take a breath and not worry excessively about the financial aspect of my education. It

helped become self-reliance because I was able to give more time towards my education to improve not only my life but also those around me.

My parents and sibling are my biggest motivators. Growing up our resources were limited. We had to learn to adapt. Looking back at the years now those moments are one of my most cherished moments. Growing up in Mexico I saw the struggle of my parents and their effort in providing for their kids. I would say that as long as I remember I used to always feel the need to help. At the age of five I would arrive home earlier than my mother my instinct was the help with the cleaning. My parents never asked me to do such chore especially at the age of five years old. I was young there not much I could do on my own so , I would sweep and mop the floors. Mopping in Mexico is different. In Mexico because of the structure of houses and especially in the lower income neighborhoods the ground is made of concrete, so the idea of mopping is different. Basically, because you cannot use a regular mop like many would, we would drizzle soap of the ground then scrub and finally throw some water. I was so young so I would throw excessive water. My mother would come home to soaking wet floors. She was never less thankful. I am not sure where my perseverance came from, but I am very much grateful for it. I have used this skill to make something better of who I am as such as expanding my education. In college now I strive to be academically good standing while also finding interest of mine. I have devoted so much time into others that I have now chosen to focus that time back in me this scholarship has allowed me to do that. I am beyond thankful because I could not imagine ever being able to find time for my interest and devote my time into things I love.

Being from another country and emigrating the United States there was much to adapt to. Such as learning a whole different language and learning a new form of living. Being comfortable in my own skin was and continues to be the biggest struggle for me. I have always felt different. Often times I was the only brown student in the group or there was only a couple of diverse students in a course. My skin color was different, and I felt different. This problem was definitely a bigger struggle as a kid because I felt the need to fit in. It's a normal part of a child. Those around me were different than who I was so I wanted to be just like them. However, as the years progressed and now especially in college, I have learned to love who I am. Though I do say it's a continuous struggle because learning is continuous. Just like I learned to adapt to a new place. I will never stop learning to love and appreciate who I am.

The Women of the World Scholarship have allowed me to see a new aspect of life. To enjoy the time, we have alone and with others. I am a finance major at the David Eccles School of Business. I enjoy learning the financial side of things, how to make investments and increase my wealth. I do plan on finding internships this upcoming summer and eventually graduate within the next two years. I hope to be able to afford coming back to school right after graduation and enroll in a master's program in the focus of business. I will never forget who I am and who has helped me through such difficult times thus why I have decided to create a scholarship in the near future under my name. I would like to create a private scholarship that eventually grows to fund four full years of several students with the same dedication and passion I have for school and the community. Similar to this scholarship. Providing scholarships like this one has an unimaginable sense of movement in a student's life and that is why I would like to pay it forward in the ways it was passed forward to me such generous people.

