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ARC Isabel Swiden Memorial Scholarship 2020 Recipient



Emily Wirth

- Continuing in Fall 2020 plans to transfer to a four-year university to study Nursing
- Head-of-household, First-generation college student, Re-entry student (returning to school for the first time after age 25), dependent of a veteran of the US armed forces
- Nursing - LVN-RN Major at American River College

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

Dear Donors for the Isabel Swiden Memorial Scholarship,

I want to personally thank you for your donation for the Isabel Swiden Memorial Scholarship and selecting me as your recipient. My name is Emily Wirth and I am a nursing student at American River College. I am in my 2nd semester of the nursing program.

I am also a mother of two. My daughter, Natalie is 9-years-old and my son, Troy, is 5-years-old. My husband is also in the same nursing program, currently in his 1st semester. Becoming a nurse has been a dream of mine for years and with the COVID-19 pandemic, I am prouder than ever to work toward my degree and become a nurse.

As a parent going to school it has not been an easy task. But we want to teach our children the importance of following your dreams, no matter how difficult or long it takes. Education has always been an important part of my life, especially since neither of my parents graduated high school. I grew up very poor, for as long as I can remember, my mother was on food stamps and government assistance. My mother struggled with keeping a job, because of her addiction to both drugs and alcohol. I knew even at a young age, that I didn't want to my life to end up just like my mother's. Education is something I feel extremely passionate about and more than anything I hope my children can look back at this time of their lives and see all the hard work both their mother and father put in. I am the first in my family to graduate high school and my goal is to be the first in my family to graduate college with my bachelors. I want to teach my children the value of education and this scholarship will help me set a good example.

I want to give a sincere appreciation for taking the time to invest in me and my family. This scholarship allows me to help pay for my books and other fees that come along with the program each year. With these unprecedented times, your scholarship ensures me the opportunity to continue into the next academic year without worrying about how I will pay for the added cost of nursing school.

Thank you again for your generosity and the opportunity to be given this scholarship to continue my education as a nursing student.

I hope you are all safe and healthy.

Sincerely, Emily Wirth

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