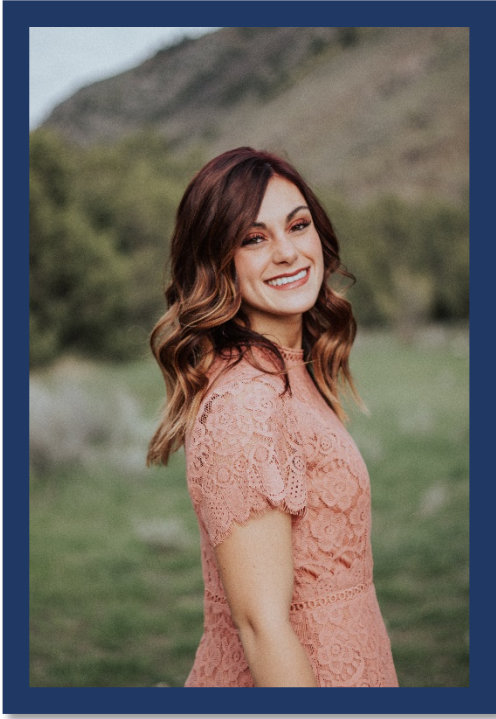


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CHRISTENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dakota Finlinson, Human Biology



My name is Dakota Finlinson and I am from a small town in Cache Valley, Utah. I have been attending Utah State University for two semesters and plan to attend until I graduate with my bachelors degree in 2023. By the end of this semester, I will have 60 credits with a 4.0 GPA. In high school, I also graduated with a 4.0 GPA and was the Dance Sterling Scholar. I also was a student body elected cheerleader in high school, along with being the Pep Captain on my team where I planned and executed pep assemblies throughout the year.

I have three jobs, I work at Casper's Malt Shoppe, tutor math for middle school children, and teach ballet at a dance studio in Cache Valley. I don't have much free time, but when I do, I like to bake, dance, and spend time with my family.

I have been a part of many service activities throughout high school and college. In high school, I did activities at many nursing homes, tutored and did activities with children with disabilities, and packaged food at The Food Pantry in Logan, Utah. This past summer, I went on a trip to Austin, Texas. While I was there, I volunteered at the Central Texas Food Bank, where we packaged and sorted food for one of the biggest states in the United States. In my first semester at Utah State, I volunteered through Aggie Translators and taught English to non-english speaking employees at Gossner's in Logan, Utah.

Ever since I was a young child, I have dreamt of going to medical school. Although my interests have ranged throughout the years, I have most recently been interested in becoming a Reproductive Endocrinologist. But, wherever my life takes me, I will be thankful for an education and a supportive family and community.