

2020 Department of Biology Awards

JAY R. WEST AND LORRAINE M. WEST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Alex Woster, Human Biology



I am writing to you to thank you for awarding me this scholarship. When I was informed that I would be receiving this scholarship I was very grateful. My family and I both celebrated as we knew this would help me focus more on my education and less on working. I am honored to be chosen for this scholarship. I am currently a Human Biology major with a minor in chemistry. I am pursuing this degree as I plan on attending medical school once I graduate in the spring of 2021. I am on track to earn my bachelor's degree in only 6 semesters. I accomplished this through taking many credits each semester and lots of hard work. After I graduate, I plan on applying to medical schools such as University of Utah, University of Nevada Reno, and many more. I came to Utah State University from a small community college in my hometown of Elko, Nevada. I had to adjust to the change that comes with going from a class size of twenty students to a class of more than one-hundred students. Another aspect that made this transfer so hard was the financial component of attending an out-of-state university. My tuition became ten times more expensive and I was not sure how I would be able to pay for my education. I had the option of going to any in state university in Nevada, but I wanted to attend Utah State. I also work about thirty hours a week on top of my school. I have to do this to be able to pay for my rent, food, etc. For the last two semesters I also had to pay for a portion of my tuition out of my own pocket. This scholarship will help reduce this financial burden and allow me to focus more on my educational goals. Through your generous scholarship I will have the financial burden of attending an out of state university eased. This will allow me to focus more on the important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to want to give back to my community and help others. I have recently begun to help with food drives and feeding the lower income areas where they often do not get hot meals. Once the COVID-19 pandemic is over I also will be volunteering at Intermountain Regional Hospital here in Logan. After achieving my goal of becoming a physician I hope I can also help students in need just as you are helping me.

Sincerely, Alex Woster

