

Dear Mrs. Graham:

I am currently a senior at Hunter College. I am majoring in Political Science with a minor in African, Puerto Rican, and Latino Studies. By receiving the Mother's Day Scholarship, my life has greatly benefited. I am grateful to those that would take the time out of their day to think about the college students struggling in school right now. It means a lot to me that kind-hearted people would contribute to my education and the continuing of it.

Currently, my father is a pastor, serving the poor and homeless in the city. This job, while he loves it, does not provide us with much extra income for the necessary things of college, such as books and the technology to keep up with all of the assignments given. By receiving this scholarship, I am able to help my family as well as make sure that I can focus more on my studies.

I have a job at a server at a bakery. While I am grateful for this job, this scholarship allows me to work fewer hours, letting me focus more on school and the work that has to be done for it. Without this scholarship I would have to work an extra day, giving me no days off, not allowing me to complete my homework.

For my future, I am going to be a Second Lieutenant in the army. I am doing this through CUNY's ROTC program and will be able to serve my country as soon as I graduate. It is important for me to give back to the country that has given me and my family many opportunities. My younger siblings are also pursuing their dreams and going to college, making the importance of this job and being able to provide for my family even greater.

The importance of your generosity is not lost on me and I thank you for the time and money that you have invested into me. I only hope that one day I am able to give back to my community in the same way that you have.

Thank you -

S.C., 2020 Olga Graham Scholar