

I would like to share my story on the positive impact A-B Tech had on me.

I started at A-B Tech in Summer Semester of 2008. I knew that continuing to get my degree was going to be a struggle but knew that it would be worth it. I took every online class I could, and my parents would watch my kids if there was a class I had to go into class for at night. I worked full time during the day. At first my ex-husband was paying me checks but they would not clear the bank. It took a while to get set up with child support. A-B Tech helped me out on three occasions with gas cards so I could get to school and back. Then in August of 2015 I got the TD bank / SCORE scholarship that has been the biggest blessing to me. The Chapter chair of SCORE reached out and asked if I would like to work part time for them. Originally it was just to set out coffee and mark the registrant off as they come in for seminars. As the years have gone by I have started doing more work for SCORE. I create the monthly calendar for the mentors, help send out the constant contact email letters for seminars, send emails out to new clients and set up their initial appointments. I am also now helping Charlotte SCORE. This job has helped me out so much. I graduated from A-B Tech in Fall Semester of 2016 with an Associates in Accounting and Business Administration. I then went on to WCU in the Spring of 2017 and graduated in Summer of 2021 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Law. I now work at Dave Steel Company in Asheville, and I love what I do. I work in Accounting as the Accounts Payable Specialist.

I feel like my journey started at A-B Tech. Without this Scholarship and the Gift Cards I couldn't have achieved what I have today. Both of my daughters are grown now and doing very well. One lives in Clarksville, TN working as a CNA and the other is still at home working on a Psychology degree.

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