

Dear members of UMAPP,

I am writing to express my gratitude for being awarded the UMAPP Collegiate Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. I am so appreciative to be granted this scholarship that will help me to continue my education at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. I will be returning to the university this fall as a junior and will begin my second semester in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. I am also involved in the leadership team for the Navigators, a christian ministry on campus. The nursing program, the Navigators, and the rest of the Blugolds have become my family and have made Eau Claire my home away from home. To be able to attend school here to pursue the career that I am most passionate about is my dream come true, one that has motivated me to be a diligent worker and high achiever. I am most grateful for your generous scholarship which will allow me to continue learning and growing in this community.

This summer I am continuing my work as a Certified Nursing Assistant at a nursing home in my home community and at a hospital in Eau Claire. My experience of caring for others as a nurse aide over the past year has fueled my passion for pursuing a career in nursing. I was inspired to work towards a career in the medical field by the nurses that took care of my brother, grandfather and aunt in the hospital. Through these experiences, I learned the difference that a compassionate, hard-working nurse makes in the lives of their patients. Now more than ever, our world is in need of dedicated nurses as we endure a global pandemic. I am confident in my ability to live up to the high standards of being a nurse, and am thankful for all of you that are providing for my education so that I may achieve this goal. My parents have both experienced significant changes in their jobs due to COVID-19 that have impacted my family financially. Thanks to your generous scholarship, I am able to continue developing skills that are essential to my future as a nurse at one of the best facilities in the nation. Thank you all for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Mikayla Cousineau