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Corbett Education Foundation  
35800 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.  
Corbett, OR 97019

Dear Corbett Education Foundation,

It is amazing to believe that I have only two more years until accomplish my dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. The hard work I have put into school has obviously paid off because I have now been accepted into the Mount Hood Community College Nursing Program. Now the fun begins! Regarding college classes, I plan on taking classes that will apply to my bachelors until spring, which is when my program will begin. After I graduate at the end of summer 2006, I want to transfer to OHSU for my bachelors and possibly my masters. Although I am not certain which field of nursing I want to have my career, I have been interested in becoming an instructor.

Fortunately, this year I have had some of my school paid for through scholarships....Thank you Corbett Education Foundation. I know that the financial support I have received the last two years has directly helped me with my 3.9 GPA. By having a reduction in my school bill, I do not have to worry about the finances of my education, but instead, I just have to worry about the next exam (which is more than enough)! While going to school full time, I have continued to work part time as a Certified Hospital Technician at Mt. Hood Medical Center which has been an awesome opportunity for hands on experience. By working at the hospital I have not only learned so much, but also it has reinforced my desire to become a Registered Nurse.

In addition to work and school, volunteer work has always been an important part of my life. Since August of 2002 I have been a member of the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team. The NERT program is intended to prepare the community, through education, for a natural disaster. Through the NERT program I have been involved with fundraisers such as the annual Moon Light Run Race, which I hope to be involved in again on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Since August 2002, I have been a volunteer with the American Red Cross and I have also tried to stay involved with the restoration of Vista House. Last year we had a successful fundraiser auction which raised over \$60,000 towards the Vista House restoration fund. Unfortunately, we were not able to have it this year and Vista House still cannot open even though the restoration is completed because of handicap accessibility issues.

For the rest of this summer I will be working full time at Mt. Hood Medical Center on the night shift. I have been trying to take advantage of summer (when I'm not sleeping) by hiking, swimming, playing volleyball and doing two of my newest hobbies of mountain biking and fishing. I also plan on doing volunteer work with the organizations I am involved – since during school I cannot be as active. Even though it has been a great accomplishment to finish my sophomore year at Mt. Hood Community College with a 3.9 GPA, the steep hill of the Nursing Program is just ahead and I do not plan on slowing down. I want to thank you for offering this scholarship to current college students and I think that it is so wonderful that the Corbett Education Foundation is continuing to increase the number of scholarships by calling on members of the community to donate. I attended the Corbett graduation ceremony this last year and I want to show my appreciation and congratulate you for all the scholarships that have been given. From personal experience I know that they are a blessing!

Sincerely,

*Your Name and Address*