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Keith B.

2012 Communications Major
Tacoma, Washington



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Keith B.

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

Financial aid is extremely important for me as I pursue higher education.

With this support, I am able to minimize the amount of loan money and the debt I will have after graduation.

It is because of the resources that are provided by the state and federal government I am able to focus on my studies rather than how I'm going to pay for my education.

I only wish that more people like me, who have had extreme obstacles to overcome because of where they are from, can get...the opportunities that I have been given.



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Julie C.

2012 Comparative Sociology Major
Shelton, Washington



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Julie C.

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant, SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I lost the chance to renew a substantial scholarship this year due to lack of funding.

Without additional financial aid through my university and the State of Washington, I would not have been able to complete my bachelor's degree this year.

I hope to be able to use the education afforded to me, in large part because of financial aid, to help other older, non-traditional students, like myself, locate resources in order to achieve their own educational goals.

I would like to thank those who make available the funding that has enabled me to complete my undergraduate education, and improve you and others to keep these programs going and fully funded for future generations of prospective college graduates in need.



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Shepherd E.

2013 Math & Computer Science Major
Puyallup, Washington



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Shepherd E.

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

There is no way I would have been able to afford to go to college, were it not for the financial aid I have received.

It has truly been a blessing to be able to study, as the Washington State Need Grant has allowed me to do.

Thank you!

Shepherd was an All-Washington Academic Team member at Pierce College - Fort Steilacoom before transferring to University of Puget Sound



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Marlene C.

2014 Biology & Psychology Major
Kent, Washington



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Marlene C.

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant, SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

My education at the University of Puget Sound has been greatly influenced by financial aid because without it I wouldn't have the potential to achieve great things in the world.

I've always been interested in the study of life and human behavior, and one day I hope to contribute greatly to the scientific community.

However, before the financial aid I thought these dreams were not within my reach due to my low income status. After some hard family times my dreams seemed almost impossible, but with the financial aid that I've received at the University of Puget Sound, I am on the path I've always wanted to be: the path of success and great potential.



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Alicia C.

2012 Exercise Science Major
Tacoma, Washington



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Alicia C.

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant, SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

My experience at University Puget Sound has helped me realize how many bright young people there are in the world who really want to make a difference.

It is truly amazing how, despite challenging economic times, people still come together to make opportunity and dreams happen for motivated students pursuing a higher education.

Alicia transferred from Tacoma Community College



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Alison G.

2012 Studio Art & Sculpture Major
Tacoma, Washington



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Allison G.

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

I completed my Transfer Degree at Edmonds Community College with the help of financial aid. When I applied to Puget Sound, I crossed my fingers. I was elated when I received my acceptance letter and astounded at how much financial help was offered.

If it wasn't for financial aid, I would not be at Puget Sound, or enjoying all this great school has to offer: challenging and rewarding classes, great professors, and a plethora of extracurricular activities.

Financial aid helps diversify Puget Sound's campus, bringing together students from different backgrounds and economic standings. Without financial aid, my story and many others just wouldn't be possible. Thank you!



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Redinia M.

2013 Biology Major
Tacoma, Washington



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Redinia M.

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant,
SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I am a non-traditional first-generation college student, and a single mom of two amazing kids.

The financial aid that I receive every year has made it possible for me to attend University of Puget Sound, while continuing to care for my family and working towards building a better future.

I feel truly blessed that so many people believe in my ability to succeed in the goals I have set forth for myself.

None of this would be possible without the generous aid I receive to fund my education.



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Jessica R.

2012 Psychology Major
Walla Walla, Washington



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Jessica R.

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant,
SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans, AmeriCorps

I am the first person in my family to go to college. I come from a working class family, and college was something that I was not going to be able to do on my own.

Being independent, I am putting myself through college. I always knew that college was going to part of my future. I am proud to attend University of Puget Sound, but I know that without financial aid, I would not be here.

I have always enjoyed helping others, and have done a significant amount of volunteering in my hometown. I hope to take the education I have gained, and utilize it in ways to help those within my community. Whether it be through counseling, therapy, or community programs, I hope to inspire and help those around me.

Thank you for supporting students!



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Kirah T.

2012 Computer Science and Philosophy
Tacoma, Washington



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Kirah T.

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, SEOG,
Institutional Aid, Loans

Without financial aid, it's likely I may have been unable to start college right away.

Scholarships and other forms of financial aid have meant so much to me; they have opened up my future.

I want to thank all of the legislators and donors who have made it possible for me to go to the college of my choice.

It's helped me, and it's certainly helped countless others. You are changing people's lives, so truly, thank you.



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Thang N.

2013 Math and Business Major
Renton, Washington



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Thang N.

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell Grant,
SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

Ever since my family came to America from Vietnam, we have been at the low-end of the financial pyramid. going to college was completely out of the question.

However, with help from the state and other generous donors, I was blessed with the opportunity to go to the University of Puget Sound. I am motivated to take the fullest advantage of my blessings and opportunities... I strive no less than 100%.

The education and support that I have received at UPS far exceeded what I had imagined.

I give legislators and my donors - all donors - my thanks. Without this funding, education is not an option for many students. Words cannot express my gratitude. All I can say is that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for blessing me with this unforgettable opportunity.



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Claire S.-F.

2013 Math and Biology Major
Port Townsend, Washington



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Claire S.-F.

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SEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I was all set to enlist in the Navy before receiving as much financial aid as I did.

I spent all of my senior year in high school applying for scholarships, grants and anything else that might help me get the education I wanted more than anything.

With an "expected family contribution" of \$0.00 I made my college experience possible by working as hard as I could to earn my degree, but it wouldn't have been possible without the Washington State Need Grant and other financial assistance programs that recognized my need.

Thank you so much.