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My intended Career goals are to attend a four year university, graduate with honors, and be involved with as much internships as possible. I want to volunteer at a provincial fish and wildlife branch, wildlife rescue center, and aquarium. I want to be a researcher and work in an oceanographic laboratory. Biologist working in environmental advocacy organization also is one of my career goals. Even working for a government agencies' monitoring pollution would satisfy my burning desire. I hope to also improve my diving skills and contribute to preserving the coral reefs natural beauties. Everything about the ocean I love please give me this opportunity, I would be internally grateful. I have never wanted something so much in my life before.

My family life is unsteady and sometimes upsetting. My mom has been divorced twice and is now a single parent. I am one of four, used to be six, kids. I work three jobs and take on as many side jobs as possible. I work at the storm stadium ticket office, Cheer Coach for Out of the Box, and promoting member consultant for real estate. Every penny I get goes to the needs of my family and self.

My brother is six and my sister is two, and they need my father's support. So any money he can contribute to my college fund will be taking away from them. My mom cannot contribute very much either; she is a single parent and has been unemployed numerous times. My mother is from the old country and computers are very difficult for her to navigate. Without a college degree, few job opportunities' are not available to her; she is very motivated but can't keep up with the expanding demand for computer skills. One of the most important reasons I need to go to college, is for my brother and sister. My dad had kids very late in life after me and might not be around much longer for them. His liver is shot from previous problem with alcohol

consumption. My family has supported me up to this point, now it is time for me to help support them. It's important not only for my future but there's too.

Some of the honors that I have received are Renaissance, President's Education Award, Star Student of the Week, Honor Roll, Most Valuable Dancer, Principle's Golden Circle Award, U.S Representatives Cert. of Special Recognition, Wildomar Chamber of Commerce Cert. of Excellence, Mayor Pro Team Cert. of Achievement, California State Senate Cert. of Recognition, Student of the Month, Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce Special Recognition, California State Assembly Scholastic Achievement, Canyon Lake Cert. of Achievement, Avid Four year participate Award, High School Varsity Athletic Award, Avid G.P.A Award, Shinning Star Award, ect.... The awards I have received I am very grateful for, but it is time I put my knowledge to good use. I want to contribute to the community by sustaining any further pollution the ocean. I want to find more efficient ways to fish without causing harm to the larger marine life that gets caught and drowns when the fishermen have no use for them anyways. I want to help solve problems that are causing explicit damage.

Being in college will be the most important part of my life. Getting a college education is a privilege, and it is a privilege I hope I will be able to take advantage of. I have never wanted something so badly. I promise if I am blessed with this life changing honor, I will never forget it. I will work harder than anyone else. I will study for longer than I have to. And I will thank god everyday that there are people like you helping out people like me.