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## *Flexible Steel Lacing Scholarship*

RECIPIENT

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**CITY:** Aurora, IL

**DEGREE PROGRAM:** Accounting



My story includes love, laughter, and influential guidance. My parents were married young and continue to surround me with love and support as I have grown into who I am. My mother is an overly organized, serious person in contrast to my father who is stern at work and anything but at home.

Our home is filled with continuous laughter but with somber looks from my mom when she doesn't get my dad's humor, which is most of the time. Throughout the years she has made it a requirement for her sons to be active in our community monthly and this has greatly influenced me. It has taught me that I am not the most important person in this world and the most precious thing in this world is time. Time needs to be used wisely and for the benefit of all.

During high school, I volunteered regularly at my church on the first impression team, at Naper Settlement as a history connector, and our local Young Life group. I've grown into a mature young adult that I am proud of and I will continue to grow as I attend College of DuPage as I study to be an accountant. While attending college I will continue my part-time job as a cashier. That way I can pay for my tuition on my own to make me accountable for doing my best during school since I would only be hurting my wallet.

Both parents have encouraged me to plan, be responsible for my actions, and pay for things I want with the money I have earned. I desire to get a good job in the future and have my own family one day. So many kids these days have no understanding of hard work, dependability, or helping others that it's almost scary to think of how many of them will end up living at home, in debt, and jumping job to job.

I want to live by example and continue to work with teens in our area through the Young Life organization as a college leader. My family lived a transient life to this point from my father's company transferring use around the country, but it kept us close-knit. I am grateful for that now, though at the time I hated moving and starting over every few years. Even after nearly 24 years of marriage my parents still act like honeymooners, which can be very awkward at times, but their guidance has led me to this point.

I am excited to complete this chapter in my life and long to be a valuable member of my community no matter where I live.