Keaira Cox

IACAC Transfer Scholarship

Dear Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling,

I am truly honored to have been one of the two community college students selected as your Fall 2019 Transfer Scholarship award recipient! Thanks to the magnanimous educational support from scholarships like yours, my lifelong dream of becoming a Children's Clinical Psychologist is progressing and becoming more of a reality. The \$500.00 award gives me the opportunity to more comfortably attend school, without having the financial fear that I won't be able to experience beneficial learning opportunities that may be offered to me at Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville. Your funding is helping me so that I'll be well and fully informed on all approaches and knowledge needed to be prepared to serve different Illinois communities and to make differences on the many lives of children that I'll help treat for the betterment of their mental, emotional, and physical health.

Growing up in a middle class household, many assume that you're able to easily afford and attend a four-year College Institution without accumulating debt. However, I know I'm amongst a wide population of students that are lead into acquiring debt from having a strong value of a college education, or having career plans that require having educational experience. So I strongly appreciate you and thank you personally for your generosity, providing me with funding, and preventing me from immediately acquiring financial burdens.

At this stage of being a transfer student, when I begin my educational experiences at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, I'll be near the ending of my undergraduate career, as a Junior. I can already report that my educational journey has been off to a great start from my community college experiences, at SIUE I believe that my passion for Children Psychology and making an impact will only grow from this point forward. Your scholarship is giving me the ability to further my education and my passion, and is helping with the transition from community college to four-year university; soon I'll have my Child Psychology credentials thanks to your support.

Once again, my appreciation of your consideration, support, and generosity is endless. I am committed to my education and helping the many children that are in dire need of psychological and social assessment, treatment and support. And now I'm steps closer to becoming a Children's Clinical Psychologist, thanks to the IACAC Transfer Scholarship.

Sincerely, Keaira Cox