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Peralta Retirees Organization

I am writing to sincerely thank the Peralta Retirees Organization Scholarship for the generous award of \$750 for the Spring 2021 semester. I was thrilled and deeply appreciative to learn that I had the honor of being selected for your scholarship. With these funds, I am able to carry on my educational goals with the Peralta Community College District.

I am currently in my sophomore year at Berkeley City College on the road to receiving my AD-T in Sociology with a 4.0 GPA. In the Fall 2021 I will be attending UC Berkeley to finish my Bachelors degree, then apply to graduate school to obtain my Masters degree in Library Information Sciences. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal. With this scholarship, I will be able to buy books and materials for my 2021 Spring and Summer semester with PeraltaCommunity College District, provide the basic needs for myself, and chip in and make sure my younger siblings' basic needs are met as well.

By awarding me the Peralta Retirees Organization, you have tremendously lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus on the most important aspects of school, learning and growing as a student. My goal to become a youth librarian is more possible because of your generous and thoughtful gift. I will one day give back to the underserved youth by creating programs within the library and collaborating with local schools to expand the youth's curiosity as they learn and explore educational futures that they can succeed in. I will guide and help them achieve their goals and create better lives for themselves as you have helped me.

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