

Dear Andrew Norman Foundation,

My name is Angel Askins and I am currently a junior at California State University of Northridge. My major is Liberal Studies, as I aspire to become an elementary teacher. My education is currently my number one priority. I have a 3.7 cumulative GPA. The biggest obstacle I'm facing is my financial hardships. I will begin my student teaching internship this upcoming fall so I will spend my mornings in the classroom and evenings in class. This is perfect for my career and education but it puts me in a predicament where I can only focus on school. Last semester was the only time that I was a full-time student and did not work at all. As a result, I was able to focus more on my studies and I got my first 4.0 GPA for the semester.

I would love to achieve this again and continue to be successful in my education/career. Working full time and attending classes and student teaching is just too overwhelming for me and I really appreciate you taking such a heavy burden off my shoulders. My family loves me but they do not have the means to help me. I am on my own from this point on now that I have no more benefits. Once I turned 18, my family has cut me off completely. They do not understand the hardships I face and refuse to support me.

All in all, I am absolutely grateful for your support. This scholarship is exactly what I need to focus on my education and no longer worry about my financial situation. I plan to use this scholarship to help me stay afloat for whatever may come my way. My phone bill, health insurance, apartment expenses, etc will be accounted for. It is hard living on my own with no support but I no longer have to struggle for nine months. Once again, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Sincerely,  
Angel Askins