



Mesa College Promise Program

A Thank You Note and Update from the 2024-2025 Scholarship Recipients

Adriana Barrios

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to sincerely thank you for awarding me the Mesa Promise Scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. This scholarship will greatly assist me in pursuing my studies at Mesa Community College, where I am majoring in Social Work. It alleviates some of the financial burdens I face and allows me to focus more on my education and personal growth.

Your commitment to supporting students like me is truly inspiring. I hope to one day give back to the community in a similar way and make you proud of your investment in my future. Thank you once again for this amazing opportunity.

Warmest regards,
Adriana Barrios

Alexis Pedroza

I thank you very very much from the bottom of my heart to the donors who granted me this scholarship. This money will go towards my educational expenses. My goal is to become a businesswoman in the future. I am also studying to get my real estate license.

I'm the first of my family to go to college, and I can say for certain it's been a fantastic experience for me. My grandmother in particular has always pushed me to do well in school and have financial stability, since she herself had my mother extremely young at 17, and did not have a chance to live out her dreams from being a young mother. She also had two more children after that (my uncles).

I want to make my entire family proud and I want to be able to repay them for everything they've given me. I love learning and broadening my knowledge on subjects of interest. Words cannot express my gratitude for being awarded, thank you very much and I hope to make the donors proud :)

Thank you!

Alexis Pedroza

Armando Maldonado

I want to sincerely thank you for your generous support of my education through this scholarship. I am currently pursuing a degree in computer science, which truly excites me because of the way it merges my passions with real-world applications. From a young age, I've always been fascinated by computers and learning about how and why they work. I chose MCC because of the opportunities it offers for anyone.

After graduation, I plan to find a job in the tech field as a technician helping with technology problems either software or hardware related. I am confident that the education I receive here will allow me to succeed. This scholarship allows me to focus more intently on my studies, take part in extracurricular activities that further enrich my college experience. Knowing that I have less financial burden helps me dedicate myself fully to my academic and professional development.

Sincerely,
Armando Maldonado

Ashlie Bushyeager

I was thrilled to hear that I was a chosen recipient of the Mesa Community College Promise Scholarship. I would like to express my gratitude towards your generosity.

I am a single parent, a full-time employee, studying to become a registered nurse and anticipating graduating this December. With my degree I will be able to serve others when they are in their most vulnerable state. Something you have done for me.

With this scholarship I can manage my plate better by having more time with my kids and more time to focus on my studies without a financial burden.
I am tremendously grateful; a weight feels lifted.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Ashlie Bushyeager

Baylee Labriola

Firstly, I wanted to thank every single person who donated and allowed Mesa College to promise to be around today! I first heard about the opportunity while I was meeting with my counselor trying to get more information on college, I never thought that meeting would lead to where I am today!

I have been so passionate about beauty since I was in middle school, that I always did cool special effects makeup along with hair in my free time. In high school, I took the steps to get into cosmetology school and am now an 18-year-old with a cosmetology license and hair extension certification studying the Science of Beauty and Wellness at Mesa Community College.

Without the help of Mesa College Promise, I would not be able to go to school without being deep in debt. Luckily, I am blessed by this program, and that is something I no longer have to worry about.

My plan after graduating is to continue pursuing my dreams of becoming a hairstylist and potentially switch to ASU for my bachelor's in Beauty and Wellness, I would also love to own my own company someday which is something this degree teaches me to do.

I chose MCC because it allowed me to transfer my cosmetology credits into college credits and the program would teach me communication, marketing, and product knowledge skills which is what grasped my attention, along with my counselor saying "This is what you want to take if you want to be your own boss women" and that I will be, with my huge ambition and goals, along with being headstrong and confident in myself and my work.

Since starting college and graduating from cosmetology and high school I have been taking clients in my home salon. I built and created my very own website (Rubybayhair.com) to better serve myself and my clients, I also work at a makeup store!

My classes have been an absolute blast, they teach me all about how to get clients in my chair, and for projects they make me go out and take the steps to get there which I love. I also love that I get to learn about communication between lots of different people and in different relationships. I have learned so much just in the past 2 months and I really enjoy it. Education has made me even more passionate about my goal of becoming a hairstylist and is something that I value so deeply in our world today as it seems to be washed away in new generations.

Mesa College Promise has allowed me to achieve all of the goals and learning achievements and I am truly thankful for everyone who made it possible for me to properly educate myself, this experience of being in college has been so rewarding and has taught me so much.

Thank you Mesa College Promise Donors for making my dreams possible!

Sincerely,
Baylee Labriola

Brianna Lederer

Thank you so much for your generous donation. I have been wanting to go back to school for a while now, and thanks to you I have the opportunity to go back and feel comfortable and confident in completing my goals.

After much thought and a break from college I have decided to return and major in Elementary Education and Special Education. I have always felt like education was a calling but I was too nervous to jump into something without feeling like I made a mistake. I feel excited to know that I am on the right path now.

I have always wanted to work with children and make a difference in their lives without being in the medical field. And I do feel like teaching makes a difference in our world. I am ready to make a difference!

Because I was blessed with such an amazing opportunity I would also love to give back in another way. I am now looking into volunteering with different programs with children; tutoring, cheerleading, etc.

Thank you so much again for allowing me to feel like all of my hard work is going to lead to something great! I feel confident in my determination to continue down my path and be successful in what I am accomplishing.

Sincerely,
Brianna Lederer

Haley Haws

I hope you're doing well. I'm writing to say a heartfelt thank you for the scholarship you provided. Your support means so much to me and is making a real difference in my education.

I'm currently attending Mesa Community College to pursue a degree in Beauty and Wellness. I chose this school because of its excellent programs and the supportive community. I've always been passionate about helping others feel good about themselves, and this major excites me because it prepares me for owning my own salon one day and teaches me the best ways to market that small business. After graduation, I plan to work in a salon, where I can make a positive impact in people's lives.

Thanks to your generosity, I can focus more on my studies without worrying as much about finances. This scholarship allows me to take part in internships and activities that are essential for my growth in this field.

Thank you again for believing in me and supporting my education. I'm excited about what the future holds, and I hope to make you proud.

Sincerely,
Haley Haws

Jermel Gonzalez-Byrd

Thank you for giving me the chance to develop my career. I am at MCC to major in Business. I picked business because I find how managing a business and how it operates to be very interesting. Plus I had an interest in the business world because of my uncle being part of that world. But my plan for my degree is to do 2 years at MCC to get my Associates in Business. Then I will go to ASU for the last 2 years to get my Bachelors in Business. I chose those colleges because MCC is inexpensive to start with compared to going straight into a university.

After I graduate, I am going to go work for a small business or big company to get my bearings in the world and see how it works firsthand. Then I will climb the ladder to become the head of my department. After that, I will go off to build up my own business and go through the ups and downs to make a legacy with the business.

This scholarship will make things a lot easier because it can reduce the stress of having to pay for college. It helps me not get into student debt so I don't have that burden on me in the future. And this scholarship will help me focus on things like my upcoming event called, "Intercollegiate Student Leadership Experience" or ISLE. ISLE is a 2-night, 3-day event that allows me to meet with different schools to meet new people and network. This also makes me happy since it lets me add onto my leadership. I am currently the Vice President and Senator of E-sports club and the Treasurer of Adventure Association. I am a former member and Vice President of Fundraising officer of DECA organization.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to further my career.

Sincerely,

Jermel Gonzales-Byrd

Victor Frejo

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for this scholarship that I have been awarded. Your generous support is making a profound difference in my life and educational journey. Currently, I am attending Mesa Community College, pursuing a degree in business. I chose this field because I aim to run my own personal business in catering and real estate in the coming future.

This institution provides an environment that fosters my growth and allows me to explore my interests fully. Receiving this scholarship significantly alleviates the financial pressure of attending school, allowing me to focus more on my studies and engage in enriching experiences like internships and campus activities. With your support, I can dedicate my time to academic excellence and personal development without the constant worry of financial constraints. Thank you once again for your generosity and for believing in students like me. Your investment in my education inspires me to work diligently and strive for excellence. I look forward to making a positive impact in my field and hope to make you proud with my future accomplishments.

Warm regards,
Victor Frejo

Lisa Rollins

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being selected as a recipient of this scholarship for the Fall 2024/25 year. I am truly honored and deeply appreciative of your generosity and support.

This scholarship will significantly ease my financial burden, allowing me to focus more on my studies and extracurricular activities without worrying about tuition fees and other educational expenses.

As I pursue my degree here at Mesa Community College, it is incredibly encouraging. Your support has inspired me to strive for excellence and give back to the community in the future. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to positively impact my field, just as you have made a positive impact in my life.

Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in my potential. I look forward to the day when I can help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me.

Warm regards,
Lisa Rollins