

### **Excerpts from Thank-You Letters of 2023 Scholarship Students**

A.W., University of Oregon: “Thank you so much for the very generous Scholarship Award. This scholarship will help fund my third year and it greatly relieves my financial pressure. I will continue to work hard this school year and ensure that your generous scholarship is going to good use.”

E.C., Chico State: “This scholarship will be a huge help for me throughout this school year.”

M.C., U.C. Berkeley: “Thank you so much for considering my application and granting me a scholarship this year! It has really helped relieve the financial anxiety of attending college. I am so grateful for the generosity of the SBSSF.”

F.B., Tufts: “Thank you very much for the scholarship!”

A.G., Johns Hopkins University: “I feel extremely lucky to be able to pursue a master’s degree at one of the top nursing schools in the world. This scholarship allows me to focus on school and worry a little less about the financial burden I am taking on with this degree.”

A.S., UC Santa Cruz: “Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. I really appreciate your support and contribution to my education. This scholarship will be incredibly helpful to the pursuit of my degree.”

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F.R., Dominican University of California. “Two of my great grandfathers were also Verdingkinder so to have part of my scholarship supported by the legacy of Klara Holzer has a deep connection to me and my familial roots. This scholarship is sure to give me a powerful boost in finishing my final academic year on a very strong note. I will be sure to update you on my future endeavors and accomplishments and hope to be able to support the SBSSF in my future.”

M.C., UC Berkeley: “This scholarship award provides me and my family so much relief from the financial burden of my education. I am so grateful to the SBSSF for their generosity.”

C.O., UC Irvine: “I am humbled and incredibly thankful for your kindness, thank you for your generosity in giving me this opportunity. It is inspiring and admirable that you are contributing so much to the future of the next generation.”

N.B., Sierra College: “I am genuinely honored to be a scholarship award recipient from the Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco, and I am committed to making the most of this opportunity.”

S.M., California State University, Long Beach: “I would like to thank you and the members of Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco for awarding me this scholarship. It means a lot to me and my family.”

A.S., UC Santa Cruz: “I sincerely appreciate all of your continued support of my college education. I am getting closer each year to my goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.”

L.W., University of Oregon: “Thank you so much for the general scholarship, and especially the additional \$500 in honor of Klara Holzer. The lives of the Verdingkinder sound so difficult and reading about their experience as child laborers inspires me to work hard and appreciate every opportunity.”

A.W., University of Oregon: “Thank you for the very generous scholarship. I will be using it during this year to work on the biology requirements of the environmental science major.”