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Tournament of Friendship Scholarship Program:

Being from a college town, Lansing Community College (LCC) was the most logical choice of schooling for me because of its affordability and proximity. I certainly did not want to become another one of the many kids to collect crippling debt before even dipping my foot into the waters of the real world. LCC allowed me to work full-time and pay out of pocket for classes. Even though I am a native of East Lansing, and have grown up around Michigan State, I was not willing to bury myself in student loan debt from a big-name University.

To receive the Tournament of Friendship Scholarship when I did, meant that I could grind out the final credits that I needed to earn my degree. It helped me not delay my graduation, as I was originally going to take the summer semester off to build up my own funding to pay for those final credits. By being awarded the Tournament of Friendship Scholarship, it allowed me to knock out those final class quickly, so that I could graduate and begin my professional life.

Justice has always been a strong influencer in my life, even as a kid. There are always victims that cannot always fight back against certain demons they face in everyday life. Public safety means you can protect the people and defend justice when the innocent need it. This principal has always driven me towards this field. The possibility of working with others that have the same mindset as my own, makes my professional decisions fulfilling and exciting. Currently, I am sworn into the United States Air Force. In my career with the Air Force I hope to get involved within Special Operations as a TACP, which coordinates air superiority in the field.

Thank you to all of you who make the Tournament of Friendship Scholarship possible. Being a recipient is something that I will not soon forget, as it was instrumental in allowing me to finish my education and to begin my Military Career on time and without crippling debt.

Very Respectfully,

Shayne Kelly