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“No Rest Until Success” 2023 Scholarship Essay

In addition, write a one-page essay explaining why attending college is important to you in achieving your dreams and aspirations in life. Be sure to state the economic as well as the social factors that you are facing, and how this scholarship will help you overcome those challenges.

Throughout my life, my parents have always emphasized the importance of higher education. As a notoriously quiet child, I followed their advice with no objections. It was not until I finished elementary school that I realized the importance of education for myself. Once I had a taste, I could not stop yearning for answers to more never-ending questions. I read every week, every summer, to the point where my Ammi could not keep up with my trips to the library. I would spend hours leisurely picking the perfect books to bring home. In addition to reading, I would later use YouTube and Google to explore coding.

Immersing myself in learning uplifts me. The more information I retain, the more confident I feel navigating the world, and the more work experience I yearn to gain. Learning in higher education is a promise. A promise that no matter my socioeconomic status, I could change the cards I was dealt for myself and my family.

For my family, receiving a post-secondary degree expresses my eternal gratitude for their guidance, encouragement, and deeply rooted sense of honor. For my community, education instills hope and demonstrates that their children will have the same educational opportunities. More specifically, education confirms that I am truly a sum of the encouragement, mentorship, and inspiration I receive from the resilient women and family members around me.

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Receiving the No Rest Until Success Foundation: Dorine Robles Scholarship Award would allow me to receive financial funds to help me continue my pursuit of learning after my Bachelor’s degree and continue the intersection of computer science and equity.