

North West Camelid Foundation Scholarship



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What this scholarship/award means to me:

I am so appreciative for this amazing scholarship. Not only does this money relieve my student debt burden, but it also is encouraging to have donors supporting this chosen career path.

Veterinary medicine is such a wonderful, collaborative and supportive field and I can not thank you enough for helping in my education and introduction into the career.

Why I chose veterinary medicine:

Unlike many of my fellow veterinary students, I did not decide to go into veterinary medicine until later in my undergraduate degree. I had always wanted to work with animals (I actually used to have my eye on a marine biology career!), but it wasn't until I volunteered at a local small animal clinic in Portland that I decided that this was the career for me. I realized that even on my grumpiest days, I found happiness being at the veterinary clinic and I always left the clinic at the end of the day with a sense of belonging. Over time, I have found that the meaningful victories in treating an illness and making an animal feel better are the most rewarding moments, and the ones I look forward to most as a veterinarian.

My career plans:

There are so many amazing career opportunities in veterinary medicine. I am tracking in general/mixed animal and I plan to keep an open mind of my future path to see where life takes me. I am considering various internship options and plan on exploring those clinics during fourth year to see if the programs are a good fit for my goals. I will likely work in small animal medicine for a few years after graduation (I am currently gravitating toward city-life for a few years after school), and one of my strongest interest is in shelter medicine. On the large animal side, I particularly have a soft spot for small ruminants and camelids and I would love to work with small hobby farms - so working in a Portland mixed animal practice with their city-goats would be my most ideal set-up! At some point, I have always thought about moving abroad to work in underserved areas, which would include a wide array of large and small animal patients.