

Dear Province of Ontario,

I am entering my fourth year in the Accelerated Standing Track Nursing Program at Queen's University. I have chosen to study Nursing not only because I want a career where I can help people, but also so that I can make a difference in the lives of others. Having a job that gives me the power to make someone's experience, in such a vulnerable state, even just a little bit better, is an amazing opportunity. Additionally, I enjoy studying Nursing as it furthers my knowledge and understanding of the human body, a wide variety of disease processes, and how pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic therapies can help heal those who are ill.

Aside from studying Nursing, I am also actively involved with various clubs and organizations on campus. I have been a member of Queen's Dance Club throughout my 3 years at Queen's. For the past 2 years, I have spent my Friday nights volunteering with members of the Kingston community who have physical and mental disabilities through an organization called Friday Friends. This year I joined an inaugural club, Queen's University Dance Marathon. I held a position in the Fundraising Subcommittee and worked alongside my colleagues to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. All the funds raised went to support the local children's hospital in Ottawa, which is a cause that is near and dear to my heart as an aspiring Pediatric Nurse.

Being in a professional program such as Nursing is associated with many costs including tuition, textbooks, medical supplies, and certification courses. Your generous contribution to my education is sincerely appreciated and it will go a long way in helping me achieve my future goals and aspirations.

After working as a Registered Nurse for several years, I hope to go back to school and pursue higher education in either a Master of Nursing Education or by taking a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program. My love and interest for the health care field has only grown since starting to study Nursing in my undergrad and I hope to further this knowledge throughout my career both as a student and as a Nurse.

Thank you once again for your generous support of my education and journey to becoming a Nurse. Without the help and support of donors such as yourselves, I would not be able to attend the school of my dreams and pursue a career in Nursing.

Sincerely,

*Ashlee Pilon*

