

October 6, 2023

Tom Abram, Treasurer of ERFSA-Stanislaus

Greetings! As Treasurer, I have been asked to take charge of the ERFSA-Stanislaus Scholarship Fund. It is now time to kick off the 2024/2025 drive to support our ERFSA Graduate Scholarship! Our goal this year is to raise \$4000 (so we can exceed last year's donations) to assist a graduate student aspiring to teach at the secondary or college level.

Please take a moment to read the letter below from Ms. Schuyler Becker, the recipient of the 2023/2024 ERFSA Graduate Scholarship. Ms. Becker was extremely appreciative to receive this award, as the cost of graduate school is so prohibitive, she would not have been able to obtain her advanced degree without our help. After receiving her master's degree, Schuyler plans on pursuing a doctorate degree in the field of English.

Please help us achieve our goal this year of 100% participation. Last year we only had a 21% participation rate.

Please make your checks payable to "CSU Stanislaus ERFSA" (you will receive an email confirmation of your donation, so please include your email address) and send to:

**ERFSA-Stanislaus
c/o Tom Abram, Treasurer
3646 Milano Way
Turlock, CA 95382-0475**

If you prefer your contribution to be tax deductible for 2023, per tax code, make your check payable to CSU Stanislaus Foundation, and in the memo section of your check, write "ERFSA-Stanislaus Scholarship 2024-25." Please mail your check before December 31, 2023, to:

**CSU Stanislaus Foundation
One University Circle
Turlock, CA 95382**

Thanks again for your continued support and participation!

Dear Donors of the Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association Scholarship (ERFSA)

I would like to offer my humblest gratitude for being chosen to receive the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Scholarship this coming academic year. I am very excited to complete my graduate studies at CSU Stanislaus in Spring 2024. I will be obtaining my Master of Arts degree in English with a dual concentration in Rhetoric &

Teaching Writing and Literature and your generosity has allowed me to do so without any financial burden.

I look forward to beginning my fourth semester, and final year, in the English M.A. program. After I complete my graduate degree, I plan to further my schooling and pursue a doctorate degree in the field of English. This upcoming semester, I will be teaching a section of First-Year Composition at CSU Stanislaus in addition to my own coursework and position as a tutor at the Writing Center. I have been highly anticipating the chance to delve into teaching and to hopefully instill my own love of learning in my students. Some other educational work I will be participating in will include interning at the Penumbra Literary and Art Journal, conducting research on ekphrastic writing and journaling in the classroom, and collaborating/presenting with a co-researcher on combining Young Adult literature and gameplay in college learning. This scholarship will aid me in my many pursuits, and I hope this letter offers a small expression of my vast gratitude.

This scholarship aids me immensely as it funds my schooling. This allows me to pursue what I am passionate about and to continue to cultivate my love of learning. I will be putting your support to good use in my studies, both current and continuing into my doctorate degree upon graduation. I am honored to be on the receiving end of such generosity. Thank you.

**Best Regards,
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