**Question: Your own views on education and how these views relate to your desire to attend college or trade school.**

Education is not just about gaining knowledge. It is a journey that guides us- young and old alike. Education inspires us. It helps us uncover our true selves. To be sure, my parents instilled in me a desire to continuously learn and grow. I intend to be a life-long learner.

As a young adult focused on learning and growing, I have discovered that I have a passion for helping others. My father and brother are firefighters and have always talked about how invigorating it is when they assist people. Similarly, my mother and my sister are teachers. They are always sharing stories about teaching others. My family’s stories have inspired me. I, too, want to serve. In order to achieve this goal, I need to continue my education.

As a student at Sultan High School, I have had the opportunity to participate in multiple health/medicine-based classes. I am currently engaging in my third year of sports medicine and am an advanced student. While in sports medicine classes, I have had many opportunities to get a taste of what being a nurse is like. In these classes, I get to practice in a clinical setting and learn hands on- taping an ankle, massaging out a cramp, or putting an athlete in an arm sling made from an ace bandage. With these opportunities, I have discovered a desire to be a nurse.

In order to achieve this dream, I need to further my learning through college education. I plan to attend Everett Community College and enroll in their nursing program. From this program, I expect to achieve a bachelor’s degree in nursing and emerge myself in the job force as a nurse. As a nurse, I know that I will continue to learn and grow daily. I will learn from leaders in my field, as well as, from my patients. Eventually I would like to get certified as a pediatric nurse and work in one of Seattle Children’s clinics or hospitals.

My learning journey will never end. In order to give back to my community, I must continue to grow and learn.