

Dear El Centro,

I am currently a freshman at Kansas State University where I have been very happy and very fortunate. If it wasn't for allowing me to pay in-state tuition I wouldn't be able to pursue my career as a pediatric nurse, little less attend college. I want to be a pediatric nurse because I want to be there for children who are hurting physically, mentally, or emotionally. I plan to work at a children's hospital where I'm able to use my skills, knowledge, and passion to show support for families and their children. Allowing me to attend college at a lower cost is an important part of my education. I've been able to join organizations such as: Black Student Union, League of United Latin American Citizens, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, Edgerly-Franklin Urban Leadership Scholar, and Las Esmeraldas Future Charter of Kappa Delta Chi. Each of these organizations focus on serving our community, students, and each other. Kansas State University is my second home where I met my second family. I'm here to pursue my career goal and to help children around the world. I am here for a better future for myself and to be a leader for my younger siblings. In-state tuition has been a great privilege, if not a blessing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gabriela De La Cruz