

# 2020 STUDENT SCHOLARS



## 2020 Winner: Jessica Castillo

"I often hear about so many other college students who have to struggle while attending university because they not only have to pay for essential things like food and rent, they also have to pay off any student loans that they have. I had a hard time balancing work, school, and life...When I found out about the UPH Foundation scholarship, I was hesitant because of my previous attempts at applying for scholarships from other organizations. I either didn't qualify or, if I did qualify, I didn't make the cut. So even though I did meet the requirements for this scholarship I was still worried I wouldn't make the cut, so imagine my surprise when I saw my name on the list of winners for this scholarship!

Since I was awarded this scholarship, it's made my school life so much easier. I don't need to worry as much when it comes to paying off my loans and it allows me to focus more on my school work instead of jumping into the first job I find after graduating from university. So what exactly does the UPHF scholarship mean to me? It means that I can continue my education while also putting more energy into my current education, work, family, and my future without any additional costs whether they are related to stress or finances."