

A note from
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Brunswick Civil War Roundtable Scholarship in History

I am a History Graduate student with a focus on French colonialism in the Americas, and I have also been studying slavery and slave revolts in the Caribbean. My passion for history drives me to continue my education and pursue a PhD eventually, with the ultimate goal of writing and publishing historical works. Here at UNCW, I am also a Graduate Teaching Assistant and actively involved in wheelchair sports.

The moment I realized I was selected for this scholarship, it made the whole experience real for me. Initially, I was uncertain if I could attend UNCW due to my disability and the financial strain, but the scholarship made it possible and gave me the confidence to pursue my degree. This scholarship has greatly facilitated my studies here at UNCW, easing the financial burden that comes with being a quadriplegic.

Attending university as a quadriplegic comes with many extra costs, and this scholarship has significantly alleviated those struggles. I am deeply grateful for the support it has provided, enabling me to focus on my academic and personal growth. My time and education here at UNCW are paving the way for me to achieve my goals of writing and publishing history.

At the end of my first semester, I felt a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment seeing the tall stack of books I had read. Additionally, I have written a historiography on slave revolts, and I am very proud of the quality of that paper. These achievements reflect my dedication and passion for history.

I greatly appreciate the scholarship and the opportunities it has afforded me. The support has not only made my education possible but has also instilled in me a sense of confidence and determination to succeed in my academic and professional pursuits.

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