

## Soroptimist International of Klamath Falls Scholarship

**18-19 Scholarship Recipient**

**Michaela McKelvie**

Nursing

Class of 2022

Lakeview, OR



**Thank you so much for your support!**

### *A little bit about me:*

My name is Michaela McKelvie and I am 18 years old. I was born in Vancouver, Washington, but lived in Butte, Montana, and La Pine, Oregon, before moving to Lakeview, Oregon. I have attended Lakeview High School for the past four years, but prior to that was homeschooled. I have been interested with all things pertaining to human health since a very young age, and became very excited when I realized that my high school offered medical classes that also qualified for college credits. These classes proved to me repeatedly that I wanted to pursue a career in the medical field, leading me to desire to obtain a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree. Though I take great interest in human health, I also care greatly for animals. I began riding horses before I could walk and have participated in a variety of activities with my horse, such as trail rides, lessons, rodeos, and two years of participation on the Oregon High School Equestrian Team. I have also been involved in 4-H for eight years and FFA for four years, producing and raising show lambs for my fellow livestock exhibitors. I am especially enthusiastic about my future at the Oregon Institute of Technology and look forward to being able to further my education to not only better myself, but to also be able to exert a positive impact in my community.

*College can be a very overwhelming time for many. Between leaving the comfort of home, paying for college, to just wondering how to make a decent box of macaroni and cheese, there are definitely plenty of concerns to plague a high school graduate's mind. Though I too will experience these thoughts at one time or another, I feel so fortunate to know that there is a community and organizations who understand my struggle, yet genuinely wish for me to succeed. As I enter one of the most overwhelming, yet exciting times of my life, I have become increasingly more aware of the great amount of generosity and kindness that I am surrounded by and have become truly humbled by it.*



### ***Why I chose Oregon Tech:***

Oregon Tech is famous for its high graduate and job placement success rates. In a job market that frequently experiences stagnancies, this speaks volumes to me. I know that if attending Oregon Tech, I can feel confident in my ability to locate a job after my degree has been obtained.

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### ***Something unique about me:***

From a very young age, I have always possessed the desire to complete a task efficiently and with excellency. However, though I possess these traits and continually work to develop them, I also possess an eagerness to help those around me achieve their goals through dedication and excellency.

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### ***My favorite teacher:***

The most influential and inspiring woman I have ever encountered is my medical terminology teacher, Bobbie Steninger. Ms. Steninger has taught and coached at Lakeview High School for 40 plus years and is a very tenacious, yet compassionate individual. She truly emulates what I aspire to be.

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### ***Receiving this scholarship means:***

It is a widely accepted concept that education has the power to open a great number of doors to those who possess the motivation and determination to work towards bettering themselves. However, the stress of obtaining this higher education when lacking the necessary financial component can be highly overwhelming, as I have experienced first-hand. With this scholarship, I will be able to pursue my education fiercely and tirelessly, having strong faith in my abilities, as well as having faith in the fact that others believe in my capabilities, as well. This financial aid will assist me in being able to attain a degree that is backed by my great desire to make a positive impact on those around me, while creating an abundant life for myself, as well. With this addition, I will be able to purchase numerous supplies that are essential to my success in college, such as books, or a part of my tuition. I am so grateful for your kind contribution to my future and my future successes.

*Thank you!*