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Mission Hills Garden Club  
325 W. Washington #166  
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Dear Mission Hills Garden Club,

I am deeply honored to be selected as a recipient for the Mission Hills Garden Club scholarship of \$500 this Spring 2020 at Southwestern College. I extend my heartfelt thank you and gratitude for your generous contribution that allows me to pursue an Associate of Science Landscape Architecture degree at Southwestern College.

The Spring 2020 semester found our global communities and Southwestern College in an unprecedented moment of world history facing unique decisions of great urgency. Inherently, I knew my role would be to complete the ten credits of coursework I had registered for, believing I would be walking at the semester's end graduation ceremony. I consistently maintained a 4.0 Grade Point Average, two student worker positions at twenty hours weekly and actively participated as a Balboa Park Tree Steward.

Using the knowledge, skills, and expertise gained and informed by experiences during

my time at Southwestern College, I will continue my goals of designing and literally building 'green' food walls into self sustaining tiny homes as an answer to needs we may soon be facing; living within the limits of local resources and moving towards self sufficient communities.

The Mission Hills Garden Club scholarship allowed me to confidently focus on gaining the new skills required in the mid-session transition to remotely taught coursework and complete my ten credit semester. Without your wonderful and timely donation, I would not have been able to maintain the grades necessary to fulfill my educational ambition of transferring to the Cal Poly College of Architecture and Environmental Design with a Sustainable Environments minor.

Thank you for supporting me in the "Educate" of your mission statement, I am now another step closer to "Beautify" by designing beautiful vertical food gardens into self-sustaining self-sufficient tiny homes designed to "Give Back"; a core component to "Engage" in resiliency to the pressures we may soon be facing in these historic times.

"To Educate, to Engage, to Beautify, and to Give Back"

Sincerely,

Paula Hildebrandt