

WORK 4 COLLEGE

Northeast Texas Community College

Meet Sarah....This Is Her Story

"This is my second year in the program and each year my work assignment has been on the NTCC Farm. This is a type of work that I have been familiar with. My parents both hold down jobs and work on our family farm in all their spare time. Since junior high I have had to come straight home every day after school and help them out. My parents work hard but saving money for me to go to college was next to impossible. We are one of those families that someone says we make too much to qualify for grants... but, it sure does not seem that way! However, my parents have taught me that I should expect to work for anything I really want.....nothing in life is free. And even if it was, working for it made it more valuable.

I got two things out of this program that I will always be thankful for. First, I earned \$1,800 each summer for a total of \$3,600. \$2,400 is set aside at NTCC for me to pay for my upcoming college courses. And although the other \$1,200 of that was for spending money, I was able to



save most of that too. In all, I have over \$3,000 saved for college.....And, I have not even graduated high school yet! This is money that I worked for myself. I am going to be able to go to NTCC for two years and not have to worry about taking out student loans. By the way, the financial literacy class that we took in the program is where I learned how bad student loans can hurt you!

*Second, and probably even more important to me personally, was the fact that while I was being taught what was expected out of me in the workplace, **I was able to make friends.....friends that I will have for the rest of my lifetime.** As I mentioned earlier, I was always required to go straight home after school. It was hard for me to be involved in a lot of extracurricular activities at school. Because of this, I did not have much time to make friends. Working closely with other students and being part this experience, allowed me to meet other people who were just like me. People who knew they needed to work in order to go to college but still were yearning to have a social life.*

This opportunity meant more to me than you will ever know..... So, if you sponsored one of these Work Scholarships...Thank You Very Much. You made this possible! And, by the way, if