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I strongly feel like I would be a great candidate for the Women's Club of Houston Scholarship. Not only because I am a hard working woman myself, but because it would mean avoiding one less financial struggle from my family. All of my life, I have worked hard to make sure my grades are the best they could possibly be to reach my goal of going to college to make a career for myself. Now that I've made it into college, I would like to go on to graduate school to earn my Ph. D. My family has always been able to support me, and have done the impossible to get through harsh financial times. Our home has four working people. These include both of my parents, my younger sister, and myself. Since my sister and I have reached the age where we could both work, it has really helped to take the burden of having to pay for two children off of the shoulders of our parents, but sometimes that isn't enough. My parents are hard-working people who have showed us that sweat and tears will get us far. My mother is willing to work night and day to get by, and make sure our family has what it needs to live a decent life. My mother has taught me that the most important thing a person could have is a college education. She pushed me to do well in school when I was younger, and not just enough to get by, but to the point where I was able to reach the grades of an honor student. The toughest times, financially, for some parents is trying to figure out how to pay for their child's education, especially when they do not have a decent enough income. I have always been blessed throughout my school years, and have been able to receive financial aid that helps me pay for school. During summer, however, there is never any money left over to pay for the cost of classes at the University of Houston, but that has not stopped me from trying to get ahead in my degree plan. In past years, I have gone to summer school at a community college by my house, which is hundreds of dollars cheaper than attending summer school at the University of Houston. Unfortunately, this summer semester, the class that I need as a pre-requisite to my minor is only offered at the University of Houston, and I have no money left over from financial aid to pay for the class. The option of applying for a scholarship seemed like a good idea to me, seeing as to how my parents were already beginning to consider taking out a loan to pay for summer school. We recently purchased necessities for our house, and are still paying off an emergency flight to my parent's home country, and the last thing I wanted to do was put my parents in even bigger debt over one class. This scholarship would mean that I would be able to save my parents from having to worry about how they would pay for my summer school class. Taking that away would be the least thing I can do for parents who have given me so much already.