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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: Raghad Hamed

College: St. Louis Community College - Meramec

GPA: 3.8

Major: RN to BSN Program

1. In the space below, please tell us about yourself?

I am Raghad, a first-generation student in my family. It is my passion to learn and help others. I love having educational opportunities and gaining knowledge from those who are more experienced because it opens doors to leadership positions and more opportunities to succeed in life. Opportunities are the venues where people can try and fail, grow, and even find themselves. These qualities are important to leaders because they're important to the people they lead. Without knowing it, I have been a leader for advocating for the lives of immigrants and refugees and giving my opinion about important schools' decisions. Continuing my education was something that I never thought about because my family could never afford to send me to college. Especially because my home country Syria is going through a Civil War and my family had to leave and come to the USA. All of

a sudden I had Ms. Swoboda as my ESOL teacher at MRH. At that time she was the only person who would understand me because English was my second language. She taught me every single thing I needed to know to succeed.

2. Tell us about your life/career goals?

- My goal in life is to graduate high school and then start a fresh new beginning in life. I want to go to college and get my RN-BSN nursing degree. I want to be a nurse because in Syria during the war I saw my family getting hurt and I don't know how to help them or how to make them survive because I love them and I want them to be in my life. At that time I was young and I had to watch all the struggles but could not know how to help them with anything. Right now I only think about nursing because I want to help all people who need help. In Syria, no one offered to help because everybody was getting hurt and everybody needed help. But now I can be a nurse and help everybody. I also want to graduate and then work so I can also help my family in Syria. I really want to work here in Maplowed to help adults and also the kids to see them in a better healthy body and mindset.
- 3. How will you use your education to make the community a better place?
- I also want to get my Translator certification so I can come anytime the school needs me to translate for the new immigrant comers. And

also volunteer as much of my time to come to help some of the students with their homework. I also want to motivate the student to think about the importance of education and how important it is to be an educator.

- 4. How will you measure your success throughout your first year in college?
- I would like to measure my success through how much I gain information and also how many books I am going to read to gain knowledge then what the college is going to teach me about. I also would like to make friends in college and do group learning activities to check or learn strategies and to see if the strategies are positively effecting us or negatively affecting us and try to improve everything. I know that this going to be my first year in college so for sure I am going to have to make a lot of designs and have to deal with a lot of things but I hope that I get the chance to search on my own for how to get a book or how to find resources and then make my designs. I want to start in the right direction.