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I'm a former waiter and I really enjoyed my job, but I felt that I could be doing something a little more socially responsible than thinking of ways to maximize my tips. After touring the Clackamas Tri-City wastewater treatment plant, I found the water clarification process incredibly fascinating. When I discovered how many various career paths that exist within the water treatment industry, I was sold on it.

Soon after, I enrolled at Clackamas Community College into the WET program. Two quick years and two internships later, I now have a great new job with a local water district as a wastewater treatment operator and will soon have an associate's degree in Water Environmental Technology. I wish to continue on with my education on to a four-year degree in biology or project management.

This scholarship not only helps financially but is also a much-needed boost to my morale.

