

## **MHCC Grant**

*By: E.T*

What's so special about the grant *MHCC* provided me with? I'll tell you why.

The grant that *MHCC* provided me upon registering, is helping me financially to finish my last couple years of high school with endless support and less stress. After failing in other schools due to inaccurate teachings, misunderstanding of the assignments, nonstop headaches, and constant anxiety, *MHCC* was able to give me a way to graduate, where I could work around these issues with around the clock support from teachers and staff and flexible time schedules. And none of this would've been possible if I hadn't been able to get the grant, which helped my family financially to allow me to finish school rather than dropping out. It has given me a second chance to continue my education with a positive outlook on school and actually graduate.

This grant has truly changed my life, and without it, I know I wouldn't have succeeded in life. So, my gratitude goes to this grant *MHCC* provided me, Samantha Piers-VanderPloeg who told me about it and offered to assist in any way possible, and the variety of teachers and staff who can continue to provide me with help when needed. I am excited to finish high school and continue to college and beyond.

*By: A.S*

"This grant has been a lifesaver! Not having to worry about bills and money so much has helped my stress levels calm tremendously. "(Pre-nursing program student)

*By: S.M*

"This program has allowed me to re-start my education. I live out in the country where buses do not come; in order to get to school I would have to walk to the bus stop then switch buses multiple times. It would take hours to get to *MHCC*. This grant has helped by paying my internet bill so I can take online classes and thus finish high school and move on to college." Sara (over 50 years old, HS diploma is a bucket list item)

*By: S.S*

"The support I receive from my adviser is limitless. I can get educational and career advising along with financial support and positivity. Thank you for supporting me as a person, and letting me show my children that school is important." (Single mom of 3)

*By: T.C*

“This grant has helped me keep my housing, put food on the table for my child and continue my education so that living pay check to pay check is not my entire life. Without this grant my child and I would be homeless this holiday season. I am thankful for an advisor that listens to me and is willing to jump when I am in need.” (Single mom of 1, with one on the way, taking care of her mother and grandmother)

*By: I.C.*

“This grant has allowed me to dream of the future. I never thought college was a reachable goal. With the help from my advisor and the grant I am able to go to school and provide for my family. The gas cards, food cards, tuition assistance and mental support have given me the encouragement and finances needed to continue my education. I never would have gone to college without it.” (Single mom of 2)