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Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus. This page is a follow up of our American Baptist Women's Ministry of Colorado state conference. This year three of our Jane Loring Jones recipients will participate in summer internships or summer camps. We have two repeat applicants. I asked the young ladies how the scholarship helped them, their summer plans, offer words of encouragement to future recipients, and give a scripture that would offer strength in times of weakness, despair, or discouragement.



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How has the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship helped you with your education? The Jane Loring Jones Scholarship has been instrumental in allowing me to pursue my education without the burden of financial stress. It has enabled me to focus on my academic and personal growth, providing the support needed to excel in my studies and engage in enriching extracurricular activities. This financial assistance has allowed me to participate in opportunities that have deepened my faith and enhanced my career aspirations in the music industry.

Internships or Summer Activities—During my junior year, I had the incredible opportunity to visit Atlantic Records in New York. This visit allowed me to gain firsthand insight into the operations of a record label, meet influential music executives, and build valuable connections within the industry. This experience has been pivotal in shaping my career path and aspirations to become a music supervisor. Additionally, I have just begun my internship for the summer at Warner Music Group in the Sync Licensing department. This internship is a vital step for my future career in the music industry.

Words to future recipients: To future recipients of the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship, I encourage you to embrace the opportunities this scholarship provides wholeheartedly. Remember that perseverance and faith are your greatest allies in the face of challenges. Engage actively in your academic pursuits and seek out experiences that align with your passions and career goals. Trust in God's plan for your life and cherish the support and blessings that come your way. Your journey may have its ups and downs, but with determination and faith, you can achieve great things

Scripture for strength: One scripture that has provided me with strength and comfort during challenging times is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This verse has reminded me of the power of faith and perseverance, encouraging me to rely on God's strength in all aspects of my life.



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Major: Elementary Education

How has the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship helped you with your education? This scholarship has helped me feel confident in my decision to pursue a degree after taking time off after high school. I had thought I wasn't going to go to college because I didn't think I would be able to afford student debt. After praying and thinking about the decision quite a bit, I finally decided to take this leap of faith and not let fear hold me back. Receiving this scholarship has helped me immensely and has eased my fear of student debt.

Internships or Summer Activities—this summer and every summer for the past 4 years, I have been taking high school and middle school aged kids to camp through an amazing organization called Young Life. As a young life leader, i get to go to where high school and middle school kids are (school plays, sports games, etc.) and build personal relationships with them so that i can earn the right to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. I will be going to a week-long camp with my husband and 20 high school students in June, and another weeklong trip with 23 middle schoolers in July.

Words to future recipients: Keep putting in hard work in your studies and keep your faith and trust in God and he will continue to provide. Let this wonderful award be proof that you were created to do and be amazing things.

Scripture for strength: Philippians 2:3-4 says "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



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Major: Marketing

How has the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship helped you with your education? The Jane Loring Scholarship has enabled me to continue my academic journey without having to worry about finances! I've been able to pay for course materials with ease,

Internship: Este Lauder, New York, New York. Digital Marketing intern. **Words to future recipients**: I advise future recipients to stay curious, kind, and passionate.

Scripture for strength: Matthew 7:7: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you".

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