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## Scholarship Is A Support System for Holyoke High School Graduate

Emily Bradley was a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), going to school full-time, and working three jobs to pay for school on her own. With her grades suffering and limited time to sleep, Emily said “something had to give for me to go on.” That something was an email from her high school guidance counselor who had come across the Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado.

The Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation to honor Mrs. Henderson’s life-long dedication to teaching and community service. The scholarship supports current high school seniors or recent graduates of Eastern Plains high schools with an award of tuition and fees and the opportunity to renew the scholarship for up to three years.

Emily graduated from Holyoke High School in 2012. Although her college education had to take a back-burner after her parents faced unfortunate health issues and bills became difficult to handle, Emily was determined to pursue her goal of becoming a teacher. With the assistance of the Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship, she was able to reduce work hours and focus on studying and extracurriculars that would help her achieve her goals. Emily is now a member of the education honors program at UNC, Kappa Delta Pi, and is pursuing a degree in Education with a minor in Reading.

Emily continues to work in order to offset living expenses, but her main focus is now maintaining her grades and staying active on campus while learning as much as she can through her studies. She has dreams to pursue several masters degrees after graduation while working as a classroom teacher. “I want to work with kids for the rest of my life, and I want to learn as much as I can while doing so. This scholarship has set me on a path that would have never been possible before,” explained Emily.

Qualification details for the Ruth Henderson Memorial Scholarship offered by the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado can be found at [www.NoCoFoundation.org](http://www.NoCoFoundation.org). Applications are being accepted until April 1, 2016.