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Purpose of Scholarship:

Education, Simmons University Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

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Boston Chapter (BONS)

Oncology Nursing Society

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Dear **Boston Chapter (BONS)**:

I am writing in response to your scholarship application. I am honored and proud to be a nurse practitioner at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. I have been in this position for the last two and a half years. I am deeply passionate about caring for the oncology population. I have a gift for developing a rapport with my patients and find great reward in supporting and guiding them through such vulnerable and difficult circumstances.

My niche for oncology care surfaced during nursing school when I pursued a volunteer position at Dana Farber as a “Hands on Care” volunteer. In this position, I gave hand massages to patients as they received their chemotherapy. It was within this role that I found my true calling and discovered the patient population whom I would dedicate my career to.

I currently work in gynecologic oncology and previously worked in breast oncology. Prior to this, I was an oncology nurse at Dana Faber caring for patients battling neurologic, gynecologic, thoracic and head and neck cancers. Before this, I worked at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center on the inpatient bone marrow transplant unit caring for patients with leukemia, multiple myeloma and lymphoma. I am a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and have also maintained my Oncology Certified Nurse certification. I aspire to also complete my Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner certification at the completion of my DNP program.

I have wanted to be a nurse since I was four years old and hold high regard for the nursing profession. I truly am so proud to be a nurse. I serve as a Magnet Champion on the Magnet Committee and had the privilege of attending this 2019 Magnet Conference with Dana Farber in Orland, Florida. It is an honor to partake in an organization that promotes and recognizes nursing excellence.

Additionally, I am enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Simmons University and have a 4.0 GPA in my degree program. I am highly committed to scholarship and truly believe that nurses are lifelong learners. I have been a member of Sigma Theta Tau since induction during my undergraduate program.

In addition to being passionate about my own scholarship, I am also passionate about mentoring, teaching and inspiring the future of our profession. This past summer, I pursued a teaching position at the University of Massachusetts Boston as a clinical and simulation lab instructor. It was an honor to watch my students grow week to week, and to make an impression during such a monumental time in their careers.

Completing my DNP will open doors to all domains mentioned above. Attaining a terminal nursing degree will be a humbling accomplishment and speak to the excellence of our profession. I want to continue to grow as a clinician, but also pursue leadership and teaching opportunities to better our profession as a whole. While I can help patients as a nurse practitioner, helping other nurses to grow and achieve will allow even more patients to be cared for. My ultimate goal is to balance clinical work with scholarship by working as an oncology nurse practitioner and a collegiate professor.

Should I be awarded this scholarship, I plan to give back to the Boston Chapter by serving on the committee. It would be an honor to collaborate and work along such astound leaders in our profession. I would be particularly interested in networking and learning from clinicians from other institutions. Additionally, I would be honored to present my DNP project to the chapter, which is focused on improving the management of sexual health concerns within the oncology population. Projects and ideas only make waves through dissemination. Presenting this project would be a wonderful opportunity to share what I have learned from my research, while also giving back to the committee that helped me to achieve my DNP degree.

I look forward to discussing my application with you. I have enclosed my resume for your review, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Brittany Hill