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### **What would I sacrifice for the greater good of my country?**

The foundation of the United States of America started with the sacrifices made by the founding fathers to separate from British rule and start a country of their own. They sacrificed not only time, but the security for their families and friends until changes could be made and a new nation could be born. Now, well into the 21st century, the sacrifices that I can make for this great nation are very different from the founding fathers' sacrifices. In a nation of, by, and for the people, I intend to give my life's work to the people of our great country as a nurse.

Ever since I was a little girl I have wanted to become a nurse. Seeing many of my family members involved in the medical field as doctors and nurses is what ultimately inspired me. My great grandmother Inez has been especially influential in telling me stories of her nursing career beginning in the 1930s. Volunteering for the last four years at my local hospital has even further fueled my interests and now I have solidly decided I want to become a nurse. Getting to that point is going to be one of the greater sacrifices I make. Not only will the sacrifice be financially but also mentally, emotionally, and physically. The work to become a nurse and the work of nursing I will eventually be involved in is highly demanding, but nothing that I wouldn't be willing to do ultimately for my fellow citizens, my family, my country, and my God.

Nursing is a huge sacrifice. I have personally seen the effects on nurses caring for dying children in the hospital and it is no easy task. There is a certain sense of compassion and desire to help others needed to successfully carry out a career as a nurse. I am ready and willing for this career to be my own. I am never slow in a chance to help little kid out with a scraped knee, a friend collapsed on the court, or a fellow volunteer. Earning a BSN degree would not only supply me with the skills to provide exceptional health care to those in need but also greatly enhance my leadership abilities to those working alongside me.

For the greater good of my country, there are sacrifices that I am ready and willing to make. First comes my education, then comes a lifetime of caring for the sick and needy of this nation. Not only am I willing, but I am determined to see my dream through until it is accomplished. I am ready to take on the world and sacrifice my time to help and care for my fellow citizens through becoming a nurse. The founding fathers made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. Why shouldn't I make a sacrifice for my country as well? America, here I come.