

KSM Scholarship Awardee: **Nicole Ray**

Making a positive, impactful decision can be extremely difficult but can change the trajectory of a family for generations. My educational goal is to successfully complete my schooling, become independent, and self-reliant. I am a firm believer in hard work pays off. I have worked hard, very hard, to get where I am today. It is not easy for me to go to school with a disability but thanks to DOR CA and the ARC, I have been able to make this dream a reality with accommodations like extended time, audio textbooks, and support.

I am in an Occupational Therapy Assistant program and soon I will be working, as a COTA, with individuals with varying difficulties and struggles. It will be part of my job description to help them maximize their functional level, discover their abilities, and meet the true potential, they may not have realized they had.

My dream is to see my children accomplish their full potential in whatever direction that might be. My favorite leisure time is when I am playing with my granddaughter who is the beginning of the next generation in my family.

