



## Congratulations to Racic Fernandez, 2020 HIE Help Center Scholarship Winner!

We are pleased to announce that Racic Fernandez is the 2020 HIE Help Center Scholarship winner! Racic is a student at Texas State University, who is working towards a career as a pediatric nurse.

In her essay, Racic wrote about how her experience as a dancer sparked her interest in the medical field. She had begun to experience foot pain in pointe class, but her mother struggled to find a pediatric doctor who focused on orthopedics. Racic thought about pursuing this as a career path herself, and even shadowed a pediatrician during her junior year of high school. During that time, however, it was the nurses that really inspired her. They interacted more with the patients, and fostered an environment of trust and care with the children. It was that compassion and dedication that inspired Racic to go into pediatric nursing.



Racic also wrote about her experience growing up with a sister who has disabilities, and how



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this has also influenced her career path. Witnessing her sister's experiences taught her the value of compassionate care and support. She encourages others to respond to people compassionately, regardless of any differences they may have.

*"I learned that my sister didn't want to be treated differently despite not looking like every child in her classes. I know that kids want to be cared for and they want to be heard."*

Congrats again, Racic! We hope this scholarship helps you get one step closer to achieving your goals.

## New HIE Help Center Scholarships

This year, the HIE Help Center is offering two new scholarship opportunities – both aimed at students who are pursuing a career path that will benefit people with neonatal health conditions and/or disabilities. These include:

[The HIE Help Center Scholarship for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Students](#)  
[The HIE Help Center Scholarship for Special Educators](#)

If you are interested in applying and potentially becoming our next scholarship winner, click on the links above! The next deadline is July 31st. Both scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000.



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# About the HIE Help Center

The HIE Help Center is run by [ABC Law Centers](#), a medical malpractice firm exclusively handling cases involving HIE. We have been advocating for children with HIE and related disabilities since the firm's inception in 1997.

We are passionate about helping families obtain the compensation necessary to cover their extensive medical bills, loss of wages (if one or both parents have to miss work in order to care for their child), assistive technology, and other necessities.

