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## Impact of NYSGA Scholarship:

“The NYSGA Scholarship has been such an essential component in order to obtain the required course material. As a Biotechnology major, I have to be up-to-date with the most recent technologies associated with lab practices and techniques. Thus, the newest edition of textbooks have to be obtained in order to gain the knowledge required for me to understand the newest techniques in my field. The scholarship has also reduced the amount of loan uptake offered to be as a student. With budgeting, I am able to complete my semesters with maximum success and still manage groceries, gas, and school materials. I am sincerely thankful for this scholarship awarded to me and continue to strive in order to make an impact. Additionally, I am able to work less and have more time to undertake non-paid independent studies that allow me to put my skills and knowledge to the test at the lab bench. Benchwork time is extremely valuable in my major and puts me at an advantage when employers view my resume. It has been phenomenal to be able to spend more hours in the week to focus on my academics with less stress to put food on the table.”