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Association 'invests' in Bountiful woman

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\$40,000 grant will help Kristine Whipple pursue master's degree



Kristine Whipple of Bountiful has won a scholarship from the Horatio Alger Association to support her graduate studies.

A Bountiful resident is one of the first scholars to be honored under a new program of the Horatio Alger Association, which awards those who overcome adversity in pursuit of education.

The \$40,000 award, formally known as a Washington Family Horatio Alger Scholarship of Excellence grant, will help Kristine Whipple attend Syracuse University to pursue master's degrees in public administration and international relations. She hopes to work in international development, focusing on projects in Latin America.

"Horatio Alger has a moral focus that doesn't make a donation but an investment in those who will be stewards of the mission," she said. "I would not be where I am today without them."

The youngest of eight children, Whipple grew up with a physical disability - an arm impairment resulting from birth complications - and attended Brigham Young University, where she earned a degree in anthropology on the Alger organization's national scholarship program.

The new Washington program awards those who seek graduate and doctoral degrees and is funded by a \$10 million donation from the group's chairman emeritus, Dennis R. Washington, a Montana construction magnate who suffered from polio, and his wife Phyllis.