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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I speak for not only myself, but for all of my peers, when I say: thank you so much for the altruism and support you provide us. I strongly rely on this scholarship funding to make ends meet, and this allows me to focus on my education first and foremost. Because of this scholarship, I have been able to apply myself toward more extracurriculars that service my community – from volunteering to student government, I can work toward a brighter future for not just myself, but others around me.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Going into my second year, I have a much more solid understanding of the intense commitment, workload, and responsibilities that being a medical student demands – all of which will be far greater than ever. These scholarship funds allow me to invest in some of my malfunctioning resources – such as the pen-tablet I use to take notes for class – so that I can remain competitive with my peers. Moreover, these resources go towards necessities like rent, food, gas, bills, and travel, and car repairs.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

In my application cycle, I interviewed with most schools in Texas – From TTUHSC, to Baylor, to UT Southwestern – all of which had different philosophies on what made their school so great. Schools like UT Southwestern and Baylor emphasized board scores; places like Dell emphasized their newer facilities and curriculum; places like UTMB emphasized their scenery. The only school, and I mean the ONLY school, that emphasized their student body for its cooperativity, was TTUHSC. To me, the lifelong friends and education style that I was looking for was provided by only one school in Texas: TTUHSC.



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ALEXIS RODRIGUEZ

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to thank you for your generosity, especially during these uncertain times. Your generosity has allowed me to obtain valuable knowledge and skills that I will utilize throughout my time here. I am certain that the skills I learn during my time here will help me gain acceptance into medical school.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The funds from this scholarship will be used to help me financially while I earn my master's degree in biotechnology. The funds from this scholarship will assist me in paying for tuition and any additional expenses that arise, such as purchasing required textbooks. Upon obtaining my master's degree, I plan on attending medical school.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose to attend TTUHSC because I wanted the opportunity to learn from faculty that are highly successful in their fields. The faculty here have created an environment that is conducive to learning. As my first semester here comes to an end, I feel grateful to have learned so much from all my professors.



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ANGELICA RODRIGUEZ

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for helping me continue my education. I plan to continue on to medical school and earning a masters degree was not a part of my original plan, but I appreciate all the knowledge being given to me through this program. I joined the Army during my undergraduate education to receive a scholarship by becoming an officer. I was not sure how I was going to fund my masters education and I am very thankful for the opportunity to continue educating and improving myself.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship allowed me to begin the school year without taking a loan out for tuition or books. My education was prioritized and I was able to focus on school instead of overworking to earn the money for tuition. In the past, I have had to choose between which books to buy or stress out over earning enough money to make the second payment of my tuition right before exams. That was not an issue this semester and I am grateful.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I love the Texas Tech community, but was especially excited about joining the TTUHSC because both my godfather and older sister graduated from the TTUHSC. I graduated from TTU and worked with professors at the TTUHSC through the honors college. I have never met a professor who was unwilling to help me or other students reach their goals. There is always a helping hand to push you and guide you in the right direction. I am so proud to be a part of the Red Raider family and hope to continue my career here for as long as possible.



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CARSON ZABEL
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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to thank you for helping me with the financial part of attending here. Recently, my family has been struggling financially. This scholarship is taking some stress off of me. And, I am sure it is making it easier for my parents as well. Thanks to generous donors like you, people are able to attend the colleges that they have been dreaming about attending even if they do not have the money to be able to attend.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship has helped me and will help me by covering a significant portion of my tuition. Thanks to you, I was able to put the extra money towards my rent for a month or two. Because I do not need to worry about the finances as much, it allowed me to focus more on the things that are important.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I went to a school in Abilene for my undergraduate, and while there, I was told about TTUHSC. Since then, it has always been on my radar or in the mind. When I was looking for places to attend after my undergraduate degree, the TTUHSC was the major institution that I wanted to attend. And, they provided a degree that sounded very interesting at the time. Since then, I have not been disappointed in my choice of university.



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JON MCCORD

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to thank you for making this scholarship possible, it's strange to think about but funds to Ph.D. students really makes scientific research possible. That is Ph.D. students are overwhelmingly the driving force in non-profit driven scientific research. And Ph.D. programs usually are uncompetitive with post-bachelors job opportunities pay. If it wasn't for funds like the one you've donated, the research that makes all drug development possible would be devastatingly crippled, being that for-profit firms usually base their drug development on the research results obtained at academic institutes. So thank you for helping make medical research possible.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will use the funds from the Wright Family Scholarship to pay for living expenses while pursuing my Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences. Ph.D. programs don't always cover all of the students living expenses and these funds make it possible for me to pursue a Ph.D. My research during my Ph.D. has been focused on developing a treatment for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, a debilitating autoimmune disease that is currently managed by crippling patient's immune responses. My research project has been to develop an alternative approach that has the potential to help millions of people suffering from inadequate treatment around the world.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I've been working in the Dept of Biophysics here for 3 years, while pursuing my MS in engineering, before applying to the Ph.D. program. During that time, we were able to make significant progress on the treatment we've been developing for Lupus patients. However, by the time I finished my engineering degree, the treatment still wasn't ready. I'd received numerous job offers at engineering firms around the US, but I decided that if I pursue my Ph.D. at TTUHSC I can make the most of the next couple of years and hopefully develop something that significantly improves patient outcomes.



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NAANA QUAGRaine

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

When I was notified of this award, the first feeling I felt was catharsis. It seemed as if all the worries and insecurities I had in that moment in time had floated away. As someone who is anxious quite often, making the decision to move across the state and begin a new chapter in my academic career was not an easy one. This scholarship gave me the affirmation that 'yes, I did make the right decision'. This opportunity will follow me in the years to come and remind me that 'Yes, I did make the right decision'.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These funds will allow me to pay for my tuition this semester. Because I no longer had to find a part-time job, I was able to dedicate more time to my research and my studies. Due to this, I am looking forward to maintaining a 4.0 GPA this semester! I am sure this would have been more challenging if not for this scholarship.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I was initially interested in TTUHSC because of the compelling research being conducted here. As I got to know the school and the faculty more, I realized how welcoming everyone is. They truly wish for your success. Because of this feeling of community and collaboration, I decided to attend. I hope to foster the same kind of environment in the future, no matter where I may be.



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SAVANNA PIERSALL

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you for your financial contribution to support me in pursuing an M.S. in Biotechnology here at TTUHSC in Abilene. Science has always been an intriguing and challenging subject for me. I enjoy learning about it, but I also equally desire to share what I've learned through teaching and research. Someday I hope to teach at a university and mentor students the way I have been mentored, so they can also go on to do great things for the world. Through this scholarship, you're helping me reach my goals.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship is being applied to my tuition, so I can afford my rent and groceries, while making sure my education is covered. Because of your support, I am able to focus more on studying and doing well in my classes rather than work an additional full time job. Keeping myself in a good standing academically and financially helps me to feel more able and free to pursue my dreams.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

The professors at my undergraduate university, Abilene Christian University, had connections with TTUHSC. They encouraged me to look into their program, since I had been looking out of town for a graduate program. When I started reading about TTUHSC and talking to its faculty members, I learned that this would be the place for me. This program offers the space to learn more in depth about different subjects and offers one on one work with top tier professors.



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