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**CATHERINE ANDING**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for your generosity! I have wanted to become a physician for so long and your contribution has helped to make that possible for me. I want to serve in underserved areas in the United States following residency. Eventually, I want to serve abroad wherever the need is greatest. Right now, I think I want to pursue becoming a trauma/critical care surgeon but am trying to remain openminded to truly experience all fields. Again, thank you so much! I am extremely grateful for all that you do.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will allow me to purchase all of the required equipment I need to start medical school as an incoming MS1. Some of the equipment I am now able to buy is three textbooks and a reflex hammer. I will no longer have to pay for my equipment using loans which will ease some of the stress of the financial burden of medical school.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

After living in the Dominican Republic and serving as a medical missionary during the summer of 2019, I grew to know an incredible group of people, and was a part of one of the best communities I've ever experienced. Coming out of that summer and interviewing at TTUHSC, the thing that stood out to me was the community and collaboration of the all of the students and faculty. I knew I would be able to find a place here and a community of people to lift each other up throughout that four years ahead.



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**GERARDO AMADOR**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to thank you for the kindness and generosity afforded to me. Two of the most valuable things that can be granted to others are time and monetary help. For you to voluntarily and unconditionally support my dream to become a doctor is already more than I had hoped for. I was content just being accepted into the school, and for you to generously provide me with further means to pursue this path is truly affirming. I will always remember that no part of this process has been achieved alone, and I must do my best to help others.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will alleviate a part of the financial burdens I will incur while getting through school. I will use these funds towards invaluable school supplies. In this way, the scholarship will be allocated towards a daily reminder of the generosity that has been granted to me. Thank you for believing in me and supporting my education.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I never in my life visited Lubbock before. It was not until I was invited to interview at TTUHSC that I had ever considered what attending school in Lubbock might be like. When I finally drove into Lubbock and set foot within the confines of TTUHSC I was absolutely impressed and all my expectations were surpassed by the institution. I left the interview optimistic and certain TTUHSC and Lubbock were places I would thrive and be set up for success.

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**JESSIE BENSON**  
School of Medicine

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Thank you for making this scholarship possible. I am the first person in my family to pursue a career in the healthcare field and am so grateful for this unique opportunity to pursue medicine. I am excited to give back to the community through opportunities, like the Free Clinic, and the chance to pursue my research interests while in medical school.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship fund will help me afford to attend the School of Medicine and will allow me to purchase the required equipment I need for clinical experiences. This aid will also help me to pay for the immunization titers and vaccines that I will need to attend TTUHSC SOM. Your support is allowing me to be the best student I can be.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

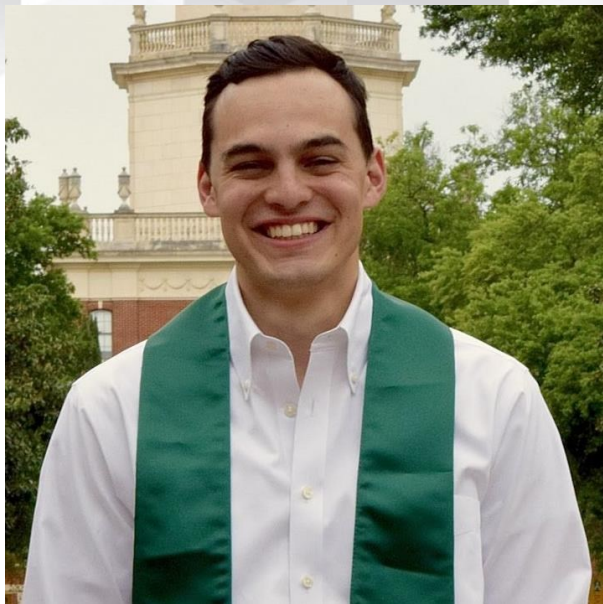
TTUHSC SOM stood out to me because they made me feel welcome. I had sent a thank you email to one of my interviewers, and he responded, offering to introduce me to his colleagues if I ended up attending TTUHSC. This was special to me it showed me that TTUHSC would be a place that is supportive of my goals and plans for the future.



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**ANDREW ALFARO**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I really am very grateful that you have found it in your heart to contribute to the mission of TTUHSC. I will benefit greatly from this scholarship as it will allow me to pursue my medical education with a new computer that is up to the standards of TTUHSC. I grew up in a missionary family in Mexico and have always looked forward to a life of medical service and I can promise you that this gift will be used in the pursuit of that goal. Again, I sincerely thank you for your generosity and your support.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will be using the scholarship funds to aid in purchasing a new computer for my education at TTUHSC School of Medicine. I have used the same laptop for almost 5 years and am in need of a new one that will meet all the qualifications detailed by TTUHSC. I very much appreciate and value this scholarship as it will significantly benefit my education.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of how the institution really listens to and cares for their students. This means quite a lot to me as TTUHSC does not feel like a place where I'll spend a few years and continue on with my career but rather, a place I will remember fondly as the foundation for a life of service. I also am very appreciative of being admitted into the FMAT program, a program that will allow me to serve communities in West Texas and beyond.



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**LAUREN BAKER**  
School of Medicine

#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

I would like to thank you so much for this scholarship. It will help me to realize my dream of becoming a doctor and allow me to give back to the community of West Texas with my service in the future. I hope to someday make a positive impact on the underserved communities that are inhabited by hardworking people in rural areas.

#### **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

The funds from this scholarship will be used to support my living expenses during medical school, as well as the purchase of required tools to aid in my education. You are allowing me to be the best medical student I can be, and I cannot say thank you enough for your generous support my education.

#### **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I chose to attend TTUHSC because it allowed me to learn medicine in my home of West Texas. I grew up in the area and have always had a love of the atmosphere, people, and way of life. In addition to this, I felt extremely welcomed by the staff and students that were present on interview day and could feel that TTUHSC has created a collaborative environment. Growing up in West Texas, I was aware of the shortage of health care professionals, and it is my goal to serve rural communities.



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**MARIA BATCHINSKY**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I would like to greatly thank you for making this scholarship possible. As a young adult and immigrant, I was anxious about funding my own medical education, and this scholarship made that much more doable for me. I am blessed to be in this position and to receive a scholarship on top of being able to pursue my life-long dream is amazing. It means so much to me that TTUHSC believes in me and is willing to help me in every way possible along this journey. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship is a blessing towards covering my tuition for medical school. With these funds, I will be able to afford books, supplies, and study materials, which will help me focus on my studies for the coming years in pursuit of becoming a doctor. I plan to use this scholarship towards my academic costs for my first year of medical school!

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

TTUHSC School of Medicine holds a special place in my heart because a research patient of mine that later became a friend and inspiration was treated for his initial burn injuries at the UMC Burn Center. My connection to the burn survivor population means a lot to me and TTUHSC gave me the opportunity to pursue the passions behind that connection. TTUHSC School of Medicine saw something special in me and made my dreams possible- for which I am eternally grateful.



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**RAHUL ATODARIA**  
School of Medicine

#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

Thank you for your generous scholarship! Till now, I have only ever visited Lubbock twice and TTUHSC once. Yet, your kind donation has already shown me that I will have a great, big-hearted support system while in medical school, which will relieve some of the financial burdens and allow me to focus on becoming a competent and well-rounded community physician. Thank you once again.

#### **WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...**

These scholarship funds will help offset many of the costs during my first year of medical school. For example, some of the equipment items, such as the ophthalmoscope or otoscope, can become pretty expensive. However, I will use the scholarship funds to purchase those items along with textbooks and other class materials.

#### **WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

When I first visited TTUHSC on my Interview Day, I was incredibly nervous. But immediately, I was greeted by helpful and kind upperclassmen who made me feel relaxed and comfortable with the new environment. That experience gave me the confidence to make my TTUHSC Interview Day my best and most fun Interview Day I had throughout the application process. Now, almost a year later, I remain confident that the amazing atmosphere I experienced will help me bond with my current and future classmates as we learn to become awesome physicians.



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**SEHAM AZZAM**  
School of Medicine

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help in making my dreams come true. I have been working toward medical school since I was five years old and the cost was always a constant fear of mine. Your contribution toward my education has enabled me to pursue my dream with the security that I won't have to opt out due to loan debt. I will work every day to pay forward this generosity and do what I can to be the best physician I can be. Thank you.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am currently working as an emergency medical technician to help save up towards my cost of living since I will be moving to Lubbock. With this scholarship, I will be able to put down a payment towards my books and required texts, decreasing some of the cost out of pocket and taking away some of the stress of working overtime to help afford my education. This will not only decrease the amount of stress, but also the overall loan debt I will graduate with.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Being in Lubbock for the first time during my interview, I had an overwhelming feeling of home. Every individual I encountered, from the fellow students interviewing to my interviewers, made me feel welcomed. I left my final interview feeling excited for the next chapter and assured that I would have support every step of the way if I attended TTUHSC. Going to TTUHSC meant going through school as a team, which is the environment I felt would enable me to become the physician I always dreamed to be.



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