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BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

My mother never hid her financial struggles from me, and would say to me in times of stress, "This is why you go to college. So you don't have to struggle like this". I am so thankful that my parents did this for me, as it has made me take my student loans very seriously since I took my first loan out at eighteen years old. Student debt has been a necessary evil for me, and it has taken me a long time to come to terms with that. Scholarships really help validate me as a student as well.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am so grateful that I was gifted this scholarship for the upcoming academic year. I have been trying to minimize my loan amount since I was an undergraduate at Sam Houston State University, so I only take what is absolutely needed. This scholarship will help ease the stress on myself and my parents when it comes to those surprise costs that no one expects. Considering the COVID-related changes with interview season, I feel more at ease having less of a financial burden, and this scholarship will allow me to possibly visit my residency city of choice before committing.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I visited Lubbock, Texas for the first time when my sister started a geology master's program in 2015. I was pleasantly surprised with Lubbock! I did not agree with most who said that Lubbock was a small town. It was large, spread out, and had the best sunrises! Fast forward to my medical school interviews, where I was lucky enough to come back to Lubbock. It was my third medical school interview and I felt better than I did here than at any other school. I'm still so happy here and am extremely grateful to be here.