

# YOUR *life* • OUR PURPOSE



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## BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I am honored to be one of the recipients of this scholarship and would like to thank you for your generosity. My mission is to become a primary care physician who can provide accessible patient-centered care to families in an underserved community. Preferably, the majority of my patients will be low-income families from a small community. As someone who has suffered from poverty and lack of access to healthcare, I would like to give free medical services to, particularly low-income individuals on a monthly basis. Thank you again for helping me reach my dream of serving this population.

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am currently sharing kitchenware with my roommate and most of them are hers. I am planning to spend a portion of this money on buying kitchenware. I will spend the rest of this scholarship on the necessary books and school supplies. I also will buy my first stethoscope and will remember you and your generosity when I use it.

## WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

As someone who is interested in family medicine and serving in an underserved community, I decided to apply for the FMAT program. This accelerated program provided by TTUHSC promotes a shorter gap between medical school and practicing medicine. During my interview, I felt welcomed and so comfortable with faculty and current students. The location of this medical school between two hospitals plays an important role in my decision as well. TTUHSC will give me an opportunity to shadow many physicians without the cost of transportation.