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**BECAUSE YOU GAVE...**

I would like to thank you for your generosity. This has been one of the most difficult years nationwide, especially with all the hardships COVID has caused. However, it has made me realize that being a healthcare worker is not only a privilege, it is a calling. I cannot wait to give back to my community as a medical professional and make a positive impact on my patients' and their family's lives. Your kindness will never go unnoticed.

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

The funds from this scholarship will be used towards my medical school tuition. This will be my third year at the TTUHSC School of Medicine in Lubbock. Becoming a medical doctor has been my dream since I can remember, and it has been such a challenging yet rewarding journey. This scholarship will help me have a lower amount of debt while graduating from professional school.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

I was born in Monterrey, Mexico and moved to Houston, Texas when I was very young. Family and a culture of care has always been a priority in my life. Which is exactly why, when I came to Lubbock for my medical school interview, I felt so at home. The people here, the support, the care, and the energy is unlike any other place. Attending medical school at TTUHSC has been the best choice I've ever made in my life and I know that TTUHSC SOM will help me become the best doctor I can possibly be.

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Even though I grew up in a low-income family, my parents were actively involved in community service. This influenced my career decision because I understood the struggles of seeking health services in an underserved community. Thank you so much for supporting me, this serves as a remainder to keep paying it forward and be a positive impact in my community.

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This aid will reduce the amount of loans I have to take to support myself in my education journey. I can better allocate my money to fix my car. I can finally drive myself to school, rotations, grocery stores, and wherever I need to go instead of spending extra money on Uber or Lyft.

**WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...**

TTUHSC is special to me because the people here treat me like a family member. My first visit to West Texas was for my interview. I was amazed to see the President who is now the Chancellor of TTU system eat breakfast with us, my interviewers were very relatable and amazing, the students were very involved and helpful. The resources and time administration pour into their students is the necessary drive to success. I am also able to work with students in other health professions and that teaches me the importance of team work.