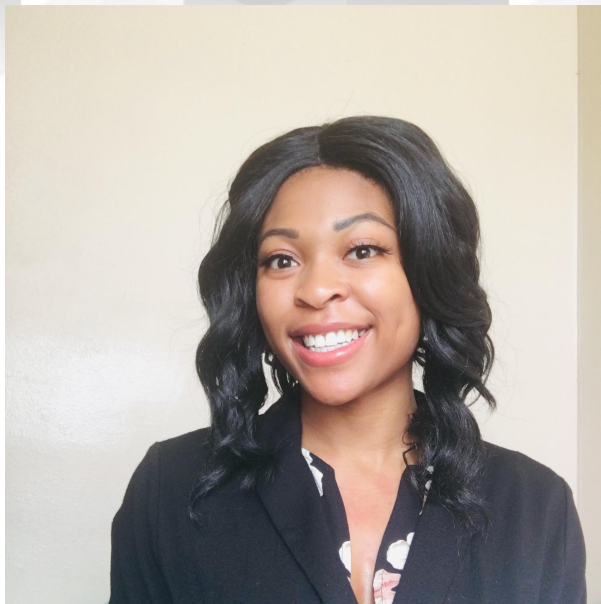


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MICHELLE ONUOHA
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I cannot thank you enough for the generosity of this scholarship. As a first-generation graduate of Nigerian immigrants, dreams of serving as a physician seemed grander than anything reality could give, but that never deterred me. I've spent time homeless so I could take classes to get here. I give back by volunteering and passing down resources, but I strive to one day provide scholarships to students like me. It lessens financial burdens and frees more time to devote to community service. Thank you for believing in me and the vision I'm working towards for myself and my community.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Along with easing the burden of tuition costs, these funds will allow me to buy required reading material, necessary medical and lab equipment, and other supplemental educational resources that, although not required, are essential to excelling academically. I worked multiple jobs throughout my undergraduate to help mitigate the costs of funding my education. This scholarship will ease much of my anxiety around how to fund my education, and it will allow me to focus more on my academics which will lay the foundation for my goals of becoming an excellent and well-rounded physician.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I was initially drawn to TTUHSC's mission statement. The initiatives like The Free Clinic and counseling services displayed on the website showed that TTUHSC cared deeply about the success of its students and the well-being of both them and the community. This and more were demonstrated to me first-hand on interview day; the students and faculty were genuinely happy to be there and treated each other like family. It was then I knew this is where I needed to be and where I would learn the skill to serve the community as a knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate physician.



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ALEJANDRO ESPINOSA-TELLO
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I hope to further kick down the ladder by being a mentor to other students that come from lower socioeconomic families, students who do not have family in the healthcare field. I want them to have an easier time getting a foot into this field than I did. I want to use the status conferred by an MD to be a voice for the powerless, repressed and voiceless.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

With this scholarship, I will be able to not take as many loans as I would have to. Since I am the first in college and professional school, I have to pay for this all by myself and this scholarship will help. I will be using to pay for residency interviews.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the sense of community that I felt here. No other school had students which were both happy and actively involved in the admissions process. The feeling of family is strong here and definitely palpable. TTUHSC is special to me because they have given me an opportunity that no one in my family has ever had. My family in Mexico are poor farmers and my parents here are janitors, I could only ever dream to get this far and this school has given me hope for a better future and the ability to help others.



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DONNA AYALA
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for the opportunity to help fund my education. As a mom who is going through medical school, my stress is high enough, adding a large financial stress is even harder. This scholarship has allowed some of that financial burden to be relieved and I hope to pay it forward by becoming a skilled OB/GYN and providing the best service for my community.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

Due to my scholarship, I will be able to pay for part of my tuition for medical school and decrease my loan amount. I will also use the money for residency applications for which I have to apply to a minimum of 60 programs. By allowing me to pay for tuition and residency applications, I will have an increased opportunity to match into OB/GYN residency programs.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because of the friendly nature of the people as well as the great academic teaching and resources they provided. TTUHSC truly makes you feel like you are part of a big family and people who are here, whether students or faculty, genuinely care about each other. This environment enhances the learning experience and takes away any cut-throat stigma one may have about medical school.



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DUBEM ONYEJEGBU
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

I want to thank the donors for this investment they have made in me. I have always done my best and gave my all in whatever I did. I have not believe much in my abilities but I am thankful that you believe in me. I promise to continue doing my best and I am very grateful for this opportunity.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me offset the burden of tuition. I will be able to afford rent and other expenses like feeding. I also plan on using this scholarship to help with purchasing textbooks and clinical materials. I will be able to invest more time in my studies to become a better physician than worry about the bills I have to pay.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I had a strong feeling that I wanted to attend TTUHSC when I first visited during a school trip organized by my college. I liked the way the students looked out for each other and offered helping hands. There was a warm reception by the faculty in admissions and I looked forward to applying to TTUHSC. My education is preparing me for success by exposing me tabard relevant material that will help me get better with clinical analysis and reasoning to become a good physician.



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E.L. DOMINGO-JOHNSON
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much! Your scholarship has given me peace of mind, will allow me to perform at a high level on interviews, and ultimately will allow me to become a physician and help others as you have helped me. This scholarship means that I can chase my dream and focus on performing to the best of my ability. This scholarship means that I will not toss and turn all night thinking about how I am going to pay rent. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship will help me tremendously. Already this year I have had to buy items in order to succeed and look professional for interviews. In addition, applications for residency were going to be an enormous burden. This year in particular Covid-19 has been hard on any family or friends that I may have been able to lean on in a normal year.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I believe Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine is the best medical school, because from Dean Berk, to fellow students, to all the professors and the staff. Everyone wants to see you succeed and are willing to help in any way that they can. I know I made the right choice coming to TTUHSC and am so grateful to be here.



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GABRIELA RODRIGUES
School of Health Professions

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for allowing me to continue to pursue my career. Granting me the financial freedom to not worry about how I will pay for school, and just allowing me to focus on learning and growing as a clinician means the world to me, and my family. I am forever grateful to all those who choose to selflessly donate and chose to believe in young clinicians like myself. Sincerely, thank you.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

These scholarship funds will allow me to continue pursuing my career as I enter into the field of audiology with my clinical externship year. I am very grateful to have been awarded this scholarship as it allows me to focus more on my role as a student clinician and worry less about how I will pay my tuition this year. Even the smallest amount helps to lift this financial burden therefore, am so grateful for this generous scholarship.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I chose TTUHSC because it felt like the right fit for me. The values that are upheld at TTUHSC from patient centered care, to the positive and healthy student-faculty relationships all really made Lubbock feel like home. I have learned so much from the amazing facility during my time at TTUHSC. I am so grateful to have spent the past three years as a red raider.



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HARIKRISHAN SACHDEV
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

A tremendous thank you to the donors for providing me and my fellow classmates with the ability to pursue a career in medicine. I am the son of two immigrants who have dedicated their lives to allowing me to reach this opportunity, and together with TTUSHC your generosity has allowed me to make my family's dream a reality. Thank you very much.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I am incredibly grateful for the scholarship I have received. The Student National Medical Association Scholarship will allow me to obtain the necessary equipment, books, and supplies necessary to pursue my academic goals. I will be using the funds very carefully to ensure it is used responsibly. These funds will make a tremendous difference for my family and me.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) has a value system that I share. The institution is focused on caring for those that are underserved and finds purpose in teaching its students to do the same. This creed and mission is reflected and embodied by each of its staff members. The commitment to caring for the underserved in our society motivated me to attend TTUSHC because I, too, share this goal.

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MARIBEL CASTRO
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you so much for this generous donation! Having grown up in a low-income community, I have witnessed the difficulties people faced to afford medical care. Thus, my plan is to become a family medicine physician and open my own clinic with flexible payment options. This scholarship will lessen my loan burden and help me get started on that plan quicker.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

I will spend the scholarship funds that I am awarded on necessary textbooks for my first year in medical school. Additionally, I plan to purchase an iPad to take notes on. This money will greatly help me with decreasing the loan burden I will face after graduation, and I am extremely thankful for it.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

I knew after interview day that TTUHSC was the school for me. I could tell that the faculty really wanted to see their students succeed, and all of the current students were satisfied with their decision to attend TTUHSC. Additionally, and most importantly, I made my decision because my husband is a current first year medical student at TTUHSC. Family is very important to me, so I am grateful to embark in my medical career alongside my husband.

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NKEMJIKA UKE
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Growing up in Nigeria, and coming from nothing, I am awe of how far I have come. Yes, hard work plays a big role, but I would not be here without external help. Donors like you make it possible for people like me, who are financially disadvantaged, to achieve their dreams of becoming physicians. My goal is to be in a position where I can help others as you have helped me. Thank you!

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

This scholarship is going to alleviate some of my financial burdens and enable me to concentrate on school. It will be used to cover expenses for books and medical supplies as I begin my 3rd-year rotations this fall. These are uncertain times, but it is comforting to know my education is not in jeopardy.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

When I first came to Lubbock for my med school interview, I felt so out of place because I had never been to west Texas and I did not have any family or friends around here. However, that all changed the moment I met the TTUHSC family. Everyone was welcoming, genuinely cared about my future goals, and made me feel at home. That, combined with TTUHSC's state-of-the-art programs and opportunities, led to the decision of making TTUHSC my home for the next 4 years.

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SHULLAMITE ABABIOH
School of Medicine

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...

Thank you SNMA again for investing in my medical education. I am truly grateful and one of the ways that I am giving back will be as a secretary in SNMA. As an officer of SNMA, we will host the SNMA gala if possible this year to raise funds for other students to also benefit from this award. We will plan on giving back to the community by hosting the annual health fair if possible to give folks the education needed to live a healthy lifestyle.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, I CAN...

The scholarship funds that I have received will help lower the amount that I have to take in loans. I was lucky to receive an SNMA scholarship as an incoming student to reduce some of the burden of having to take out loans and I am lucky to have received it again for the 2020-2021 school year. All of my funding comes from loans with no familial financial support so this scholarship goes a long way to reducing some of the anxiety I get seeing the amount in loans I have to take out.

WHY I CHOSE TTUHSC...

During my interview at TTUHSC, one thing that all the Dean's Ambassadors' commented on was the fact that members of TTUHSC are a family. Having been a proud TTUHSC SOM student for a year, I can attest to the fact that we are indeed a family; from the faculty & staff to students and everyone that makes TTUHSC thrive, I have been a part of an incredible community that cares for student well-being and is concerned about giving students all the tools and resources we need to be successful.