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BECAUSE YOU *gave...*

I initially pursued an undergraduate degree in physics and continued to graduate school driven by my interest in research. When I faced obstacles that prevented me from advancing in that program, my mom suggested exploring the Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy. Although my original goal was to engage in research, I found a new passion in pharmacy and its potential for making a significant impact. This transition has allowed me to apply my scientific background in a meaningful way, even though I have not yet had the chance to pursue research directly.

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

I would be significantly more stressed without this scholarship. My parents have always supported my educational journey, ensuring I could graduate without debt, but an increased financial burden would place immense strain on both them and me. This stress would undoubtedly impact my ability to focus on my program. Receiving this scholarship feels like uncorking a wine bottle—relieving the pressure so I can concentrate on the path and journey itself without the constant worry of being overwhelmed.

WHY I CHOSE *ttuhsc...*

I thoroughly enjoyed learning the fundamental science behind many pharmaceutical interventions, which has been particularly fascinating to me as I came into this program with a strong interest in research. My rotation experiences and participation in the diabetes camp have been especially impactful, revealing areas of the field that extend beyond what we were taught in lectures. The hands-on components of the experiential courses have provided a clear picture of what working in pharmacy truly entails and the life-saving impact our interventions can have.