

Scholarship Name: R. DONALD AND ROSE MARIE ANDERSON MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP Dear Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to communicate with you about my plans for my career in medicine; this is such an exceptional opportunity to be provided with the ability to continue my educational pursuit to become a physician

Just eleven years ago, I was a citizen of and lived in Nigeria, Africa. My family and I were in a very tough living situation in Africa, and my parents made the brave decision to move to the USA – for freedom and for gaining the ideal by which equality of opportunity is available to any American, allowing the highest aspirations and goals to be achieved for my family. I do have an American passport now, and I have accepted my certificate of American citizenship (something I will significantly treasure) any day now.

Currently, I am a student at Pennsylvania State University at Greater Allegheny. I am majoring in Biobehavioral Health and minoring in Neuroscience. Subsequently, I am applying for the Integrated undergraduate Graduate master's program concentrating in Public Health. Additionally, I served as a Resident Assistant in the residence hall, Vice president of the Student Government, President of the Health Science Club, Learner Assistant for Organic tutor, and Peer tutor. Also, I participant in the men's soccer team at the Pennsylvania state university at Greater Allegheny. Finally, I am obtaining the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to assist and care for the community I am surrounded by. Through my extra-curricular activities and academic plan, I plan to become a surgeon and serve my community within the United States while returning to Nigeria to create a hospital to improve access to care.

I appreciate the R. DONALD AND ROSE MARIE ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP for supporting the journey toward medicine. Also, the scholarship aid decreases my struggle when paying for the tuition and allows me to focus on my studies.

With thanks and appreciation,

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