

# Application #16,684

LOVE OF LEARNING GRANT Academic Year 2015-2016

Applicant Information
Name:
Address:
Chapter Where Initiated:
Current Chapter Affiliation:
Place of Employment:
Job Title:
N/A

Email: Proposed Use of Funds:

 $\ \square$  travel  $\ \square$  tuition  $\ \square$  continuing education

□ research □ other:

**Love of Learning History:**Previously Awarded: No

Transcript:

Status: Missing

**Summary of Educational Background** 

Name & LocationStart DateEnd DateDegrees Earned DateGPAHoursEarnedDegree(s) EarnedUniversity of Texas at Dallas8/20105/20145/20144.00165.00Biology BS

## **Academic Recognitions:**

At UT Dallas:

Eugene McDermott Scholars Program: full tuition undergraduate scholarship; program with academic, leadership, service, and cultural activities.

Collegium V Honors Program: requires coursework, research, and capstone senior project

Summa Cum Laude Biology Major Honors

Julia Williams Van Ness Merit Scholarship: School of Natural Science and Mathematics Scholarship

Undergraduate Research Award: \$800 for sociology project

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## Community Activity & Leadership:

#### Leadership:

University Toastmasters of Dallas (Vice President of Education; President): 1/12-5/14. Public speaking club that meets weekly. Global Awareness Forum (Vice President): 1/11-4/14. Student organization for discussing global issues.

#### Cultural:

Mosque Architecture Senior Project for the UT Dallas CV Honors Program. Sponsored by the UT Dallas Eugene McDermott scholarship. Surveyed mosque architecture spanning seven countries from Morocco to Singapore. Intensive six week Arabic course in Morocco, four week English conversation volunteer program in Turkey, four weeks of calligraphy lessons in Bahrain (1/13-5/13).

UT Dallas Exchange program in Buenos Aires, Argentina: History and Spanish course (6/11-7/11). Attended Dallas opera, symphony, theater, and ballet performances with university sponsored tickets (8/10-5/14)

#### Research:

Chemistry Research with Dr. Jie Zheng, PhD: 2/11-4/11. Analyzed fluorescence of gold nanoparticles.

Sociology Project with Dr. Timothy Bray, PhD: 9/11-10/12. Surveyed Dallas residents regarding socioeconomic conditions and analyzed information from interviews.

Molecular and Cellular Biology Research with Dr. Dennis Miller, PhD (Senior Honors Thesis): 5/12-12/12

#### Community Service:

Literacy Instruction for Texas: teaching Saturday ESL classes (6/13-4/14)

Volunteer with Always and Ever Hospice: visiting patients (1/12-6/12)

Food delivery with FMB Dallas program (8/12-12/12)

UT Dallas McDermott programming: giving campus tours, talking to counselors and parents (10/10-2/14)

Molding Doctors member: prehealth student organization with volunteering at health clinics (9/10-12/12)

UT Dallas CV Honors Newsletter editor (11/11-10/12)

The Network Food Pantry Richardson: carrying and sorting food packages (5/11-7/11)

Neighborhood Service Council volunteer: summer program activities with school children (5/11-7/11)

City of Plano Friendship Camp volunteer: summer activities for children with mental disabilities (7/11-7/11)

Boys and Girls Club volunteer: supervising summer activities for school children (7/11-7/11)

Richardson Public Library: story times volunteer (10/10-11/10) Medisend International: sorting medical supplies (9/10-10/10)

#### One-time service events (8/10-5/14):

Visiting the elderly at Windsor Senior Living, Decorating hats for the pediatric patients, weeding with the Texas Trees Foundation, river bank trash cleanup, sorting items at the City Place thrift store, organizing and cleaning the exhibits at the Duncanville International Museum for Cultures, judging at the RISD Invention Convention, judging at the Berkner High School Public Forum Debate, and Habitat for Humanity.

#### Athletic:

Practice Tee Golf Lessons sponsored by the UT Dallas McDermott Scholars Program (3/14-5/14)

UT Dallas Volleyball Club (9/10-11/10)

UTD Intramural soccer, volleyball, and flag football (3/11, 9/11, 10/11)

## Description of your Intended Use of Funds & Itemized Budget:

I intend to study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX and pursue a career in practicing medicine. The funds will be used to help me cover the costs of textbooks and study materials, as well as membership fees for medical student organizations and Toastmasters.

Books and Study Materials: \$400

Membership Fees: \$100

### Personal Statement:

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My professional goal is to pursue a career in practicing medicine as a physician. I plan to study at Baylor College of Medicine starting this fall. As I study medicine, I hope to explore different medical specialties and learn about different ways I can contribute to healthcare. I am interested in learning about the roles physicians play outside of the clinic, as administrators, teachers, authors, and public speakers, and how they incorporate these roles into their careers.

During medical school, I hope to become involved with a clinical research project, and publishing scientific papers. I enjoyed investigating scientific literature during my undergraduate research projects, and hope to play a higher, more independent role in research during medical school. It would give me an in-depth understanding of a medical field as well as the relationship between research and clinical application.

With my commitment to studying clinical science, I hope to balance my education by exploring medical humanities. I am interested in reading literature on medicine, philosophy, and ethics. During my undergraduate years, I enjoyed reading books on the history of medicine, the politics of epidemics, and doctor-patient relationships, and hope to continue reading books in this genre.

In addition to academics, I hope to prepare myself for a career in medicine and seek self-development through extracurricular activities. I hope to build relationships through community service, and learn about the issues that surround me. I hope to gain hands-on skills and develop clinical intuition through volunteer experiences at clinics. I would like to become involved in school organizations to enrich my educational experience. I hope to be involved with Baylor medical student organizations that give me hands on experiences in different clinical settings. I also want to continue my membership with Toastmasters, where I can build skills in public speaking and leadership.

As part of my personal development, I hope to advance my language skills. I studied Arabic and Spanish in high school and college, and gained an appreciation of both of these languages while travelling in Argentina, Morocco, and Spain. I hope that through mastering these languages, I can expand my perspectives through an awareness of culturally diverse media. I also recently started a hobby in Arabic calligraphy which I hope to practice in my spare time. It brings me peace and joy, and helps me appreciate the beauty of small details in life.

Overall, through my academic pursuits and extracurricular activities, I hope to prepare myself for the medical profession and develop qualities that will make me a better individual. I hope to serve patients and become a responsible community member, and pursue interests that will bring me fulfillment. The Love of Learning award will offset the costs of membership in the clubs I join. It will also lower the costs of textbooks and study material. The funds will help me advance in both my academic and extracurricular activities.

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