

Dixon, CA is my hometown. My entire childhood and young adult life was spent going to school, playing sports, and generally growing-up in Dixon and Davis. For high school, I attended Da Vinci Charter Academy. Being a project-based school, Da Vinci offered me a unique, fitting, and driven education. I grew to understand that you get from your education what you put into it, and the opportunities Da Vinci offered allowed me to discover and explore my interests in depth. I graduated with honors in June of 2020.

Beginning in August of the same year, I began attending Tulane University of New Orleans, Louisiana. In high school I decided attending university was the path for me after realizing my long term goal was and is to be a physician. At the time, I wasn't sure what type of medicine I wanted to practice, but I now know I would like to focus on women and children's emergency health in resource-limited environments and in communities that are disproportionately affected by socioeconomic inequities.

I originally chose to attend Tulane because of its public health program as I believe taking a broader approach to medicine benefits doctors in the long term. While at Tulane, I discovered their program called Creative Pre-Medical Scholars which allows students to take an even more holistic approach to the pre-medical pathway. This is done by allowing students to major in a liberal art and apply to the Tulane School of Medicine after their Sophomore year, given the student has completed and excelled in all standard science requirements. This is the pathway I am now pursuing with a major in philosophy and a minor in public health.

Thus far in university, I have excelled both in my science and liberal arts courses maintaining a 3.7 GPA. I have also done well extracurricularly. In the fall, I was elected to be part of the Freshman Health Equity Fellowship in which students learn about public health issues in the New Orleans area, and identify ways to alleviate health inequities in the city. I was also hired to be a Sex Week Coordinator in coordination with campus health. In this job, I worked to plan a week of sexual health focused activities that promoted education, positivity, and inclusion on the Tulane campus. Recently, I have been selected to be part of a group called SAPHE which is a hotline group that serves to prevent sexual violence on campus and to aid survivors.

I have truly enjoyed my time in university thus far and I know I am on the right path. Tulane is only possible because my father is able to offer education assistance through military benefits from his 20 years of military service. My family agreed to make sacrifices for me to attend this university and as such, I feel a strong responsibility to ease their burden through scholarships as much as possible. That is why I am applying for this scholarship today.