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I come from a family of four in Pembroke Township, Illinois. I live with my mother and my twin sister. I am currently an incoming junior at The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. I am majoring in Biology Pre-med. I also served as the sophomore class senator; a STEM academy member and I am a participant of the Biology Club as well. So far, I have used my academic journey to make connections within my campus community, create a longing impact on my peers, staff and surrounding people as well. Coming from a community that was considered a low class I have always created a life where I achieve academically to be able to support the lifestyle I have set for myself. To complete this journey will end in me being the first doctor in my family.

My passion to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist (CRNA) comes from commitment to healthcare and a desire to deliver safe, effective anesthesia that promotes positive outcomes for patients. Currently, I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, which is the first step in my career. The path to becoming a CRNA requires earning a bachelor’s degree in nursing, gaining critical experience in an intensive care setting, and completing a Doctor of Nursing Practice or a Doctor of Nursing Anesthesia Practice from an accredited institution. After these academic and practical requirements, I will be taking the National Certification Exam to receive official certification from the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetics.

I have developed a passion for this medical profession because of its technical aspects and a profound role in supporting patients through vulnerable times. My passion for patient care comes from personal challenge as a caregiver to both my parents, a role that required me to provide full-time support. This experience taught me essential skills, including medical techniques, time management, and the value of healthcare. Being part of my parents' care showed me how fulfilling it is to help others in their healing process. In pursuing a CRNA role, I will have the privilege to make a meaningful impact in patient care through medical knowledge and compassion.

My vision is for my interest in medicine, my compassion for patients, and my dedication to continuous learning be showed in my career choice. By receiving this CRAFT Scholarship, it will aid me in my rigorous academic path, demanding work, and clinical experience, I will be well-prepared to meet the demands of a CRNA role. This scholarship will enable me not only to fulfill my own goals but also to serve my community and contribute to advancing healthcare for those who follow. I plan to use this scholarship to make myself, my family, and my mentors proud of me. Receiving this scholarship will not only aid with my financial struggles but also show me the importance of carrying another’s legacy by impacting others. Being able show others that no matter where you come from or how you start, it only matters how you finish and to never lose hope with God by my side.