

Medical Alumni Association Scholarship

Purpose:

These scholarships are supported by gifts and pledges from UK College of Medicine alumni. The association's goal is be able to provide four scholarships for each class.

Scholarship Recipients:



**Keri Borden
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Louisa, KY**

Degree: B.S. in Biology, University of Kentucky

Why I want to become a physician: I take great joy in “being there” for others. To be a doctor is to be a teacher, a confidante, and a protector all rolled up into one, and if you can separate out all the frustrations of medicine from its privileges, it would be hard to find another job with quite so much potential to give you a feeling of purpose at the end of the day. When I become a physician I want to be a generous, empathetic, and competent provider. I want to leave my patients better for having been under my care. I want to advocate for medical care for the underserved in my community. And I want to find happiness in life.

Medical school experience: I really enjoyed working at the women's health clinic at the Hispanic Health Fair. One of my goals is to help provide medical care to underserved populations, and this was one of first times it was my own hands providing that care. I performed my first pap smear there and helped provide gynecological care to women who wouldn't otherwise have received it. I felt like a doctor for the first time that day.

Future medical experience: I am looking forward to 4th year electives the most! One of the best experiences of my life was the summer I spent learning about the practice of

medicine in India. I can't wait to go abroad again—this time with the skills not just to learn but to do.

A note of appreciation: Receiving this scholarship means that I will graduate with much less debt and much more freedom to pursue what's important to me without the fear of student loans. I grew up in an underserved community, and though I don't know specialty I will choose, I do know that providing medical care to those who need it most will always be a part of my life. This scholarship gives me more opportunities to pursue that goal. I am extremely grateful for this scholarship. Thank you, thank you, thank you!