



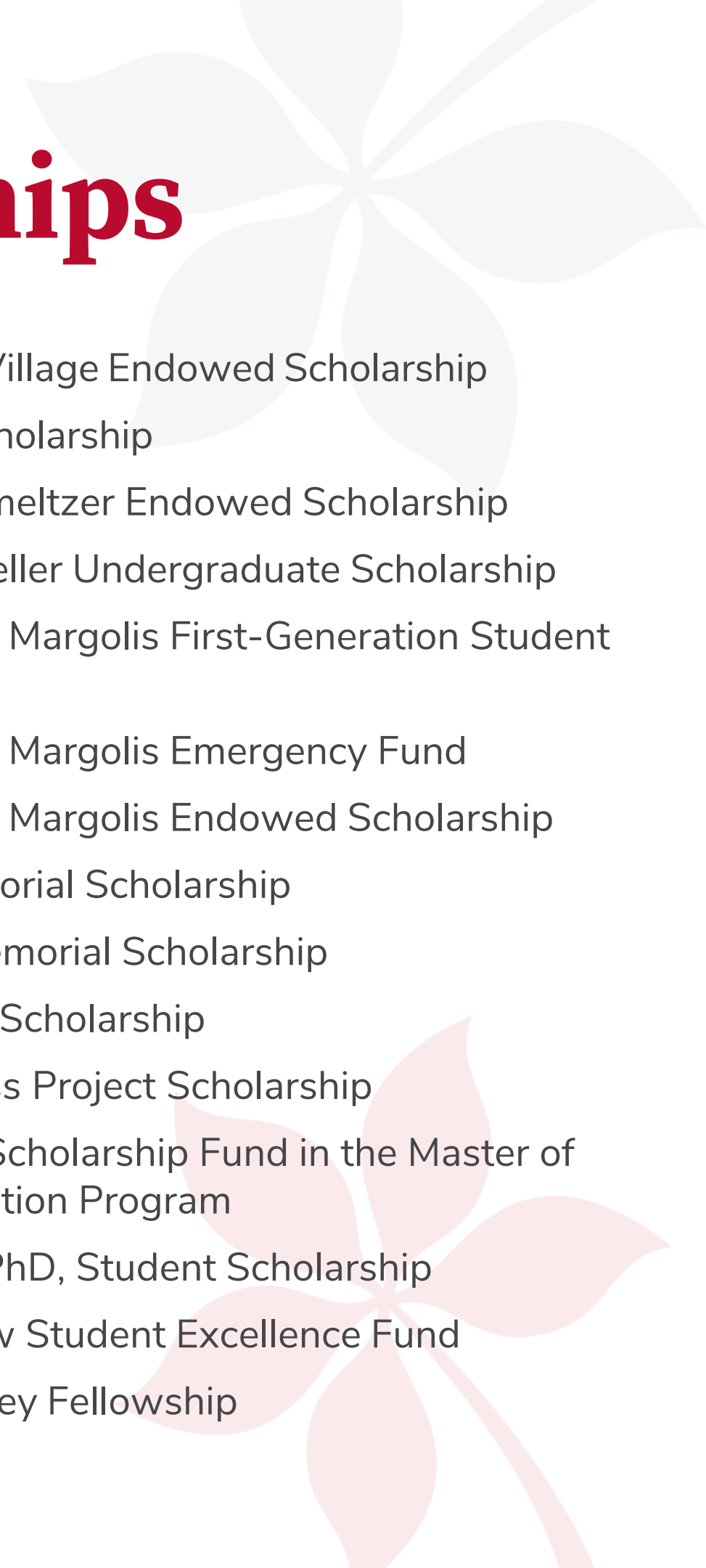
Scholarship and Fellowship Impact Report

2026 – 2027



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Scholarships and Fellowships



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William O. Cleverley Fellowship

Ishika Agarwal

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Environmental Public Health

“I am a pre-med student majoring in public health, and what drew me to the study of public health was the goal of understanding healthcare beyond direct patient care. Through my coursework, research and volunteer experiences, I have seen how access, environment, policy and social conditions shape who gets to be healthy. These experiences pushed me toward public health because I want to become a physician who understands the larger systems affecting patients’ lives and make an effort to reduce health disparities while practicing medicine. Receiving this support would be so much more than financial relief. It would ease the burden on my family, who have worked hard to help me pursue my education, and it would give me more freedom to focus on public health research, service and clinical opportunities that will help me grow into the kind of physician I hope to become.”

Nazha Alkhalaf

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



“Receiving this scholarship honestly means a lot to me and I’m really grateful. I come from an immigrant family, where access to healthcare and basic resources wasn’t always there. That’s what mainly shaped my interest in public health. Even now, a lot of my family still lives in difficult conditions, including refugee camps, and doesn’t have the same access to care. As a first-year college student and the first in my family pursuing a health-related degree, this path has been new and challenging, but it’s something I’m really committed to. My goal is to earn a Master of Public Health and go to medical school. This scholarship is making it possible for me to keep pursuing my education and focus on my goals without as much worry. It motivates me to keep going and make the most of this opportunity. It also means a lot to know that someone believes in me and is willing to support my future.”

Master of Public Health,
Epidemiology

Ella Anderson

College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



“I chose to study public health because I like how interdisciplinary the field is and how it brings together so many different perspectives. I’m drawn to work that feels meaningful, and I really appreciate how passionate people in this field are. I want to do work that has a real impact on populations and improves community health, which is why public health feels like the right fit for me.

I will be starting the college’s Master of Public Health program in Epidemiology in fall 2026. I hope to have a career in government agencies, working to improve the health and well-being of Ohio.

I work in the Practice & Science for LGBTQ+ Health Equity collaborative within the College of Public Health. Outside of the College of Public Health, I am a Buck-I-SERV trip leader and board member and a Girls on the Run assistant coach!”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Environmental Public Health

Alaina Barrett

Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I graduated from Miami University with a degree in kinesiology and minors in nutrition and health behaviors. My time in undergrad was spent exploring the healthcare field through organizations such as Delta Epsilon Mu and an internship at Dayton Children's Hospital. These opportunities allowed me to observe the importance of collaboration between departments and between providers and the general population. As a result of these experiences, I recognize the impacts of the social determinants of health both at a micro and macro level. With my Master of Health Administration degree from Ohio State, I look forward to developing proactive and creative ways to combat these disparities that hinder the well-being of marginalized communities. The support provided by alumni means the world to me, as it allows me to spend more time focusing on my studies while I work to reach my professional goals. Thank you so much for your generous investment in my future!”

Colette Beans

College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



“Thank you so much for your generous support of my education! I am currently pursuing a degree in public health, a field I chose because of my passion for healthcare and my desire to make a meaningful impact on communities. I plan on becoming an epidemiologist, where I can use data to better understand disease patterns and improve overall population health.

I am currently assisting a research project examining STI (sexually transmitted infection) prevalence and infertility treatments in women, which allows me to study real-life public health epidemiology concepts and apply my classroom knowledge in a peer-reviewed publication...Additionally, I was recently selected as a student ambassador for the Ohio State College of Public Health, which is a role I am excited to take on as it allows me to give back to the college and support fellow students by sharing the life-changing opportunities I have been fortunate to experience.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Laila Bityeki

College of Public Health General Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“Growing up, I was introduced to public health through my mom’s work, but I truly became immersed in it during the opioid epidemic in my county (northern Montgomery County, Maryland). I watched addiction and overdoses be treated as a nuisance rather than the public health crisis they were, and it motivated me to take action. That passion led me to create a student-led nonprofit focused on harm reduction and community education. Through this work, I have distributed resources, advocated for policy changes, and worked to make people feel seen instead of judged. In the future, I hope to work in a public health nonprofit or serve as a state politician focused on health equity and community advocacy. Receiving this scholarship means so much to my family and me, especially as we navigate financial strain while supporting my aunt and her family of four living in our home. This support brings both relief and reinforcement for the work I hope to do in the future.”

Kassandra Brooks

Mary Plummer Memorial Scholarship

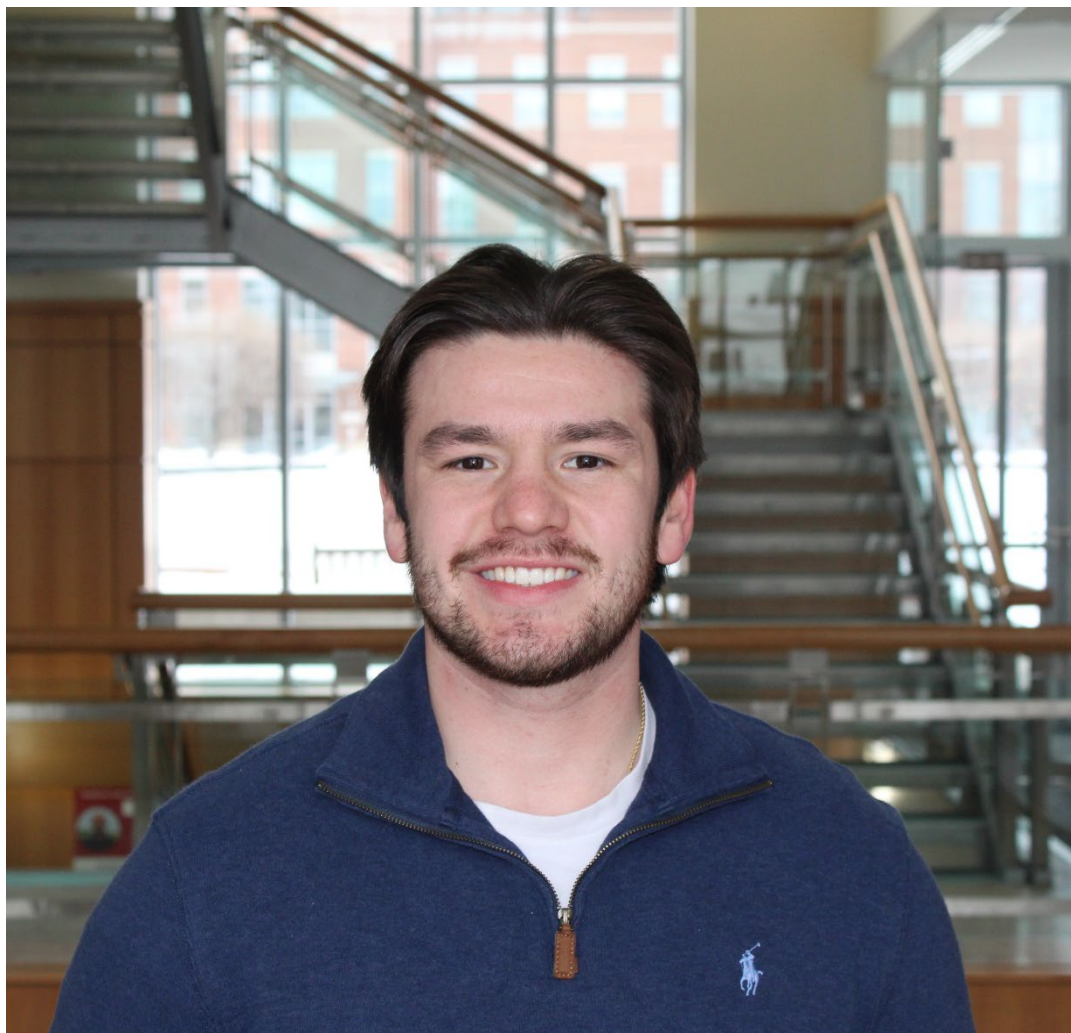


“I am in my first year of my MPH in Epidemiology program and am about to start my second year. My background is in microbiology, and I have my bachelor’s in microbiology. However, I was led to study public health because I wanted the opportunity to make positive health impacts at the population level. Medicine and microbiology lab work felt too narrow in scope for me, so when I discovered epidemiology as a career path, I knew that’s what I wanted to do because it involved investigating health issues at the population level. My professional aspiration is to work as an infectious disease epidemiologist at a state or local public health agency. Receiving this support means so much to me. I have been very worried about student debt and being able to afford my master’s program. Receiving this award has alleviated some of this anxiety, so I am incredibly grateful for this support.”

Master of Public Health,
Epidemiology

Calvin Burzynski

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am extremely grateful for the scholarship that has been provided to me through the donations of alumni. I am from Bexley, Ohio and have lived in Ohio my whole life. For my undergraduate studies, I attended Denison University, where I double-majored in data analytics and economics. Much of my personal projects focused on general well-being and health outcomes. I think the biggest thing that led me to pursue a Master of Health Administration was my experience with the Center for HOPES. This allowed me to learn more about public health (especially air quality) and showed me how I can use what I've learned in undergrad within the setting of public health. My hope is to eventually work in an operational/financial position within a hospital. The support that I am receiving means a lot to myself and my family. It has definitely taken some weight off my shoulders, and I believe it will allow me to achieve success within the program itself.”

Kaya Cochran

Columbus Hospitals Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to my higher education through this generous scholarship. Your support reflects your confidence in me as a student, professional and aspiring healthcare leader, and it has strengthened both my resolve and my commitment to this path. After earning my biology degree from Ohio State University, I began working in healthcare to gain experience before deciding on my long-term career goals. Through my work as a clinical researcher, community service with organizations such as Lutheran Social Services and Franklin County Children Services, and my own experiences as a patient, I discovered a passion for creating safe, affordable and equitable healthcare environments. Pursuing a Master of Health Administration is the next step toward that goal. This scholarship will ease financial stress for my family and me and allow me to focus fully on my education and development. Thank you again for your belief in me.”

Jade Davis

Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Scholarship
Pure Water Access Project Scholarship

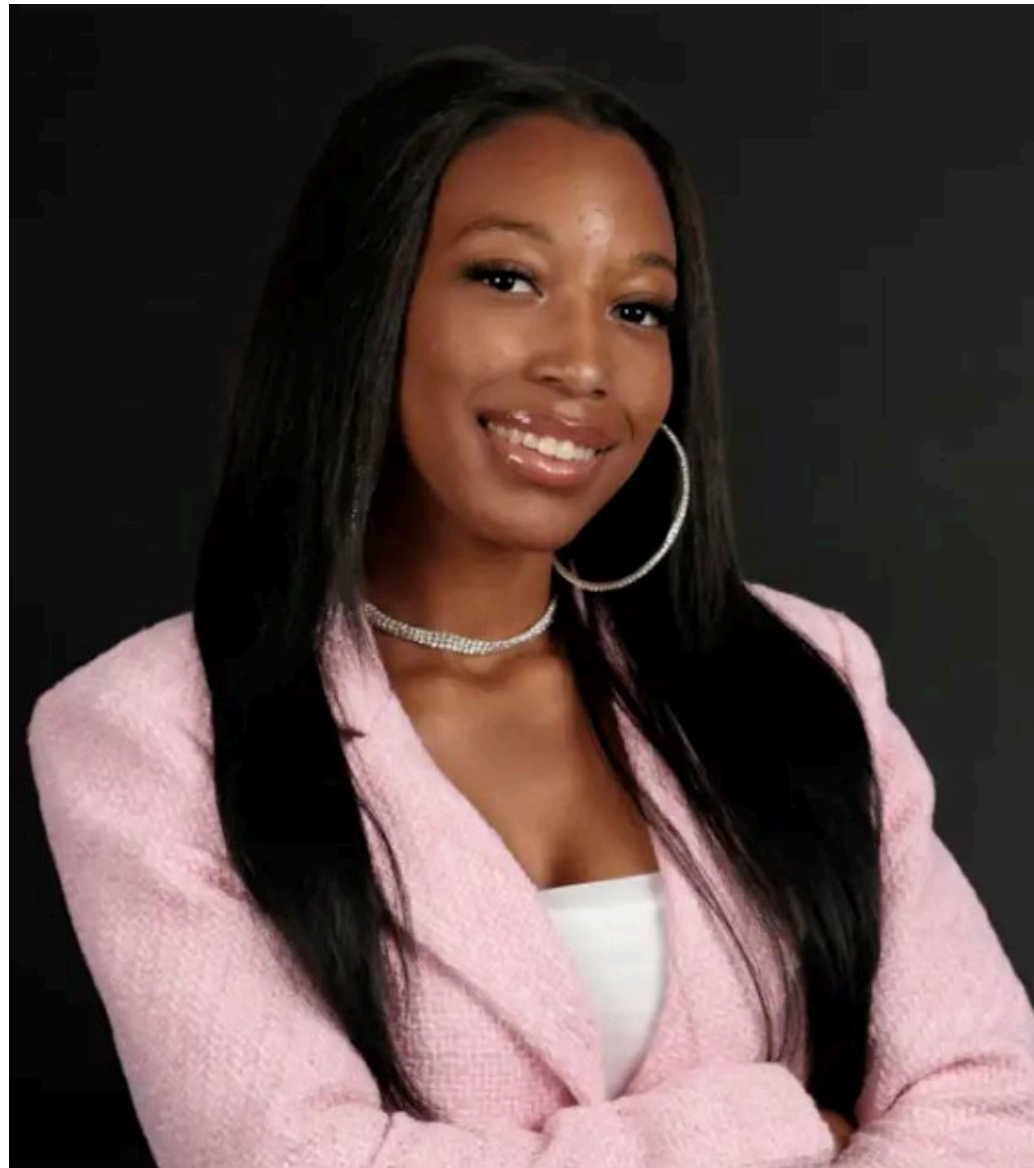


I am from Grove City, Ohio and come from a big family as the oldest with three younger brothers. Originally, I came into college knowing I wanted to work in healthcare but as undecided in my major. My freshman year I took a class in environmental health science that led me to further explore the public health major and its application to careers in medicine. After becoming involved in research within the college, I was reassured in my decision to declare environmental public health as my major. My current plan is to attend medical school and become a pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecologist or an emergency medicine physician. As a first-generation college student and as a student who pays their own tuition and housing, this scholarship means I can continue pursuing my undergraduate education with decreased financial burden and think optimistically towards my future.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Environmental Public Health

Essence Dean

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



“Thank you so much for supporting me and other students like me through this scholarship. It means so much to me, more than I could express through words. I've always loved the environment and science, but as I grew older I started to realize how environments affect people's health. These connections are what led me to studying public health. My goal is to continue my education and earn a Master of Health Administration (MHA). I hope to work in healthcare administration where I can help improve how healthcare systems serve communities and make sure people have better access to care. I want to be part of decisions that make healthcare more effective, accessible and more equitable. Receiving this scholarship takes some of the financial pressure off my family and allows me to focus more on school and my goals. Knowing that someone believes in students like me is incredibly encouraging and I'm truly grateful for your support.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Meya Derwacter

First Community Village Endowed Scholarship
Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am extremely grateful for the generosity of donors like you who pour back into students at your alma mater through scholarships such as this. The contributions from the scholarship lessen the financial burden for me as a graduate student. I graduated from Marietta College with a Bachelor of Science and have worked part-time as a home health aide over the past four years. I am passionate about patient-centered care and community health and wellness. After obtaining my Master of Health Administration I hope to work in a community hospital or smaller healthcare organization and have a long-term goal of owning and operating my own home health company. This scholarship is allowing me to continue my education, pursue my goals, and will allow me to make a positive difference within the healthcare sector in the future. Thank you for your support, I truly appreciate it!”

Sharefa Duhaney

Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund



“I chose to pursue a PhD in health behavior and health promotion to better understand and address the systemic and structural forces that shape health outcomes. I am deeply honored to be selected as a recipient of the Stanley Lemeshow Student Excellence Fund and sincerely grateful to its generous donors. This support allows me to further my training in advancing public health through interdisciplinary, equity-focused research. My work is grounded in a commitment to addressing violence and improving outcomes for individuals involved in the criminal legal system, particularly those affected by chronic brain injury.

This represents not just an academic milestone, but also the fulfillment of a shared dream: to bring attention to addressing chronic brain injury as a violence prevention strategy. Your support brings me one step closer to making a lasting impact in the field of public health.”

Doctor of Philosophy, Health
Behavior and Health Promotion

Brooke Farren

Columbus Hospitals Endowed Scholarship



“With an undergraduate background in occupational therapy, I was motivated to pursue my Master of Health Administration degree to impact healthcare on a broader scale through leadership and dig into areas of improvement for patient experience from what I observed clinically. Along the way, my passion for operations and people management has strengthened and I'm excited for the opportunities that await after graduating, either in an administrative fellowship or early careerist role. Your support means so much in providing a well-rounded experience that enriches classroom learning but also teaches valuable real-world lessons through residencies and observation opportunities. Thank you so much for your support!”

Master of Health Administration

Colleen Feeley

College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



“Receiving this scholarship is very meaningful to me as it will allow me to complete my studies in public health and continue my education in the nursing field. I wanted to study public health because I am passionate about infection prevention and community health. I hope to combine my public health knowledge with a nursing degree to be able to care for the most vulnerable people in my community. I would be the first health professional in my family which is something I take a lot of pride in. I am full of gratitude to be able to continue pursuing my educational and professional goals thanks to this generous gift!”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Anushka Ganesh

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



“Thank you so much for your donation towards this scholarship. I am very appreciative of your contribution to my education. After spending nearly two years working for a healthcare tech company, I am feeling both grateful and well-prepared to jump back into a classroom.

Throughout undergrad, my main focus was on community outreach initiatives. I grew up watching healthcare become more accessible to family members via community support. I aim to leave this program equipped to work for a non-profit providing clinical care to underserved communities. I want to offer the support my family has received to other communities, as proper access to healthcare resources leads to a higher quality of living. Receiving this scholarship assists me in accomplishing these goals. I will forever be touched by the opportunity I have been given to further my education and fund it. Thank you!”

Master of Health Administration

Preethi Ganesh

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“Growing up in a single parent household and watching the people I love put everything before their health pushed me toward healthcare at a very young age. That is what led me to study dentistry in India. When I moved back to the U.S. and began working in dental offices, I saw how system design, financing and communication shape the experiences of both patients and providers.

These experiences made me want to pursue healthcare leadership, which brought me to Ohio State’s Master of Health Administration program. I hope to become a leader who helps build systems that support people and providers to create vibrant communities. Receiving this scholarship means so much to me and my family. It allows me to focus on my education, my cohort and my passion to grow into one of the best healthcare leaders without worrying about finances.”

Cecilia Glancy

First Community Village Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“During high school I earned my certified nursing assistant license and began working in a nursing home. While initially wanting to become a nurse, this experience sparked my interest in nursing home administration because I wanted to be able to make an impact at the systemic level. Beyond seeing problems the residents who I was caring for were facing, I saw the challenges my fellow staff members were facing. This experience eventually led me to pursue my undergrad degree in health science at Ohio State and led me to apply to the Master of Health Administration program.

Receiving the support of this scholarship is very meaningful to me and my family. It allows me to take some of the financial stress I face off of my plate and focus more on learning and enjoying my experience in the program!”

Sophie Griffith

Mark Wagar Memorial Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“Thank you for this scholarship award for the 2026-2027 academic year, it will help me in so many ways during my last year in the Master of Health Administration program! Being in school has helped me realize what I want to do with my life after graduation in a pediatric setting. With this scholarship, some of the financial burden will be taken off of me and I will be able to focus on school and work while also applying to pediatric administrative fellowships as my next career steps. As a future double Buckeye, I know the strength and kindness of the alumni network and understand how different my college experience would have been without it. So, thank you again for your generosity and go Buckeyes!”

Belle Hebert

Charles R. Carroll and Margaret R. Carroll Scholarship
Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“Thank you sincerely for your generous support. I grew up just outside Columbus and began at The Ohio State University as a commuter student due to financial limitations. Since then, I have transferred into the College of Public Health and now live on campus, both of which have been meaningful and transformative experiences.

I am especially drawn to public health because of its focus on prevention and its commitment to equitable access to all dimensions of health, including mental and oral health that are often overlooked. I plan to pursue a master’s degree in epidemiology and work to improve population-level health outcomes. I also adore working with children and hope to incorporate that passion into my future healthcare career!

This scholarship allows me to continue working while saving for graduate school. It also supports my family by helping my parents contribute to my brother’s college education. I am beyond grateful for your investment in my future.”

Nadia Houssien

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed
Scholarship



“My background includes a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from The Ohio State University. After graduating, I worked in clinical research with focuses in both electrophysiology and gynecologic cancer. I decided to pursue a Master of Health Administration to gain knowledge about healthcare systems, and advance skills that are essential to healthcare leadership. My career experiences helped form my desire to move from supporting care at individual level to leading and improving healthcare systems. I would love to be in a position where I can help create more effective healthcare strategies that directly impact patient access. As a first-generation college student, receiving this support means the world to my family and me. Being the first person in my family to pursue higher education is a difficult journey, and this support has helped alleviate the stress that comes with it. Thank you very much for supporting me!”

Master of Health Administration

Jazmin Huerta-Canseco

Bernard J. Lachner Graduate Fellowship



Master of Health Administration

“I am sincerely grateful to receive this scholarship and to the generous Master of Health Administration alumni donors who make opportunities like this possible. I am originally from Kentucky and have worked in healthcare as a project manager, where I developed a passion for improving systems and supporting patient-centered care. As a first-generation graduate student, my journey has been driven by a strong sense of purpose and determination to make a meaningful difference in my community. Pursuing a Master of Health Administration brings me closer to my goal of one day opening a women’s care center that provides accessible, compassionate and high-quality services. Receiving this scholarship relieves a significant financial burden and allows me to focus on my education and future goals. This support means so much to me and my family, and it motivates me to continue striving toward creating a lasting impact in healthcare.”

Jalahan Kamara

Dr. Richard R. Lanese Memorial Scholarship



Master of Public Health,
Epidemiology

“I am incredibly honored and deeply grateful to be selected as a recipient of this scholarship. My passion for public health stems from my clinical experiences working closely with patients, where I have witnessed firsthand the disparities that impact access to care and overall health outcomes. These moments have shaped my perspective and strengthened my commitment to pursuing work that improves the health and well-being of underserved communities.

My long-term goal is to build a career that bridges clinical experience and public health to address health inequities and create meaningful, lasting change at the community level. Receiving this support not only eases the financial burden of my education, but also provides encouragement and reassurance that I am on the right path. This scholarship holds deep meaning for me and my family, and I am truly thankful for your generosity and belief in my future.”

Hannah Kellner

Class of 1974 Distinguished Student Endowed
Scholarship



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I graduated with my Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences from the University of Missouri in 2024...once I discovered healthcare administration, I knew it would be the perfect fit for me.

I spent a year after undergraduate school working full time at Nationwide Children's Hospital as a scheduling coordinator. I soon applied and was granted acceptance to the Ohio State Master of Health Administration program. I currently work as an Administrative Resident at OSU Physicians. I work on the project management team and learn something new every day.

I am very passionate about healthcare quality and accessibility. I am excited to continue pursuing my goals of advocating for quality care doing my best to have a positive effect on our health system. The support that this scholarship offers means so much to me. It helps remove my financial burden and help me focus on what's really important: my education and my ability to help others.”

Master of Health Administration

Rima Lambert

College of Public Health General Scholarship
Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“Growing up in the small city of Newburyport, Massachusetts, I learned early the importance of community and advocacy, values that continue to guide me as I enter my senior year at The Ohio State University. My passion for public health comes from my desire to help people on a broader scale. I have always been a big advocate whether for myself or others. I want to develop more skills needed to protect entire populations and address inequities that shape health outcomes. My commitment to public health led me to pursue research opportunities and earn acceptance into Ohio State’s Master of Public Health in Epidemiology program, where I hope to strengthen my ability to translate data into meaningful action. As an out-of-state student, the financial burden of tuition is a struggle for my family. I am deeply grateful for your generosity for making this opportunity possible for me, and for encouraging me to become the best public health professional I can be. Thank you.”

Lauren Laneve

Hanson Family Scholarship
MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I wanted to pursue a career within healthcare because of my desire to help others and make a difference. As someone entering the field with no clinical background, it is a priority of mine to continue to seek development opportunities, which led me to pursuing my Masters of Health Administration...

My family and I are incredibly grateful and appreciative of this support...It motivates me to succeed both in and outside of the classroom to make my family, the Hanson Family and Class of 1990 Scholarship proud.

My previous experiences have been foundational and shaped the person I am today...As I start this next chapter, I am eager for what opportunities are next within the healthcare field.”

Paige Lange

Cancer Research Student Support Fund



“I chose to pursue public health after my grandmother, along with several others in her rural community, were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer around the same time. I have an interest in cancer research and treatment inequalities, and I am currently pursuing a degree in environmental public health. I also plan to earn my master's degree in epidemiology...This support means the world to me as I can focus more on my goals and less on the financial burden associated with higher education. This scholarship also helps ease the burden on my family, who have sacrificed a lot to support my aspirations. Thank you again for this opportunity and continued support.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Environmental Public Health

Chelsea Mack

MHA Class of '90 Scholarship



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Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me and my family as I begin my Master of Health Administration at Ohio State. Your support allows me to focus on my education and future goals.

I recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Louisville, where I spent four years as a Division I softball player and team captain. Through athletics and my internship with UofL Health Sports Medicine, I discovered my passion for leadership, healthcare administration and preventive sports medicine.

As an athlete for over 17 years, I have seen the impact injuries can have on athletes. Working with the DARI motion analysis system sparked my passion for helping athletes prevent injuries before they happen. My goal is to one day combine healthcare leadership and preventive sports medicine to help athletes avoid injuries and perform at their highest level.”

Master of Health Administration

Haley Miller

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



“As a first-generation college student from a low-income, single-parent household, my path to college has taught me resilience and independence at a young age. My interest in public health grew as I started to connect my own experiences with larger issues, realizing how much access to resources, support, and policy can shape people’s lives. The loss of my aunt to violence last year also strengthened my passion for this field and my desire to help create safer, more supportive communities for women.

I hope to work at the intersection of public health and law, focusing on policies that address health inequities. Receiving this scholarship means so much to me and my family. It not only helps ease financial stress, but also serves as a reminder that all the hard work and sacrifices are paying off. It motivates me to keep pushing toward my goals and making a difference.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Nellie Moore

Helen and Paul Smeltzer Endowed Scholarship

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



“I am a first-generation college student who comes from a low-income background. As someone who wants to go into pediatrics as a long-term career, I got really interested into maternal and child public health and how social determinants of health can impact how children receive medical care. After studying abroad and observing the healthcare system in Spain as well as doing research on healthcare insurance in the United States, my interest in public health as a whole continued to grow. I am currently planning to get my master’s in maternal and child public health before going on to medical school to become a pediatrician. This support means a lot to me and my family as my mother got diagnosed with cancer my sophomore year of college so funds have been tight in my family. This will help me continue to get my education and be the first in my family to graduate college.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Ummehani Motiwala

Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

I am writing to express my gratitude for making the Larry and Barbara Margolis Endowed Scholarship possible. I am excited to have been selected as a recipient of your scholarship, and am appreciative of your support in my education at The Ohio State University.

I graduated from Ohio State with a Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics and am pursuing my Master of Health Administration to integrate my analytical background and passion for improving healthcare operations. My interest in healthcare administration was shaped by my experiences as an EMT and volunteer at a free clinic, where I witnessed the strengths and weaknesses of our healthcare system.

My long-term goal is to lead healthcare organizations in ways that improve operational efficiency, patient outcomes and access to care. Receiving this scholarship eases the financial burden of graduate education and allows me to focus more on my studies and professional development. Thank you for investing in my future and the future of healthcare leadership.”

Alex Ning

Dr. Gary G. Koch and Mrs. Carolyn J. Koch Fellowship



“As a first-generation college student and a woman pursuing a PhD, I understand both the opportunities that higher education creates and the challenges that often accompany that journey. My passion for public health stems from my desire to develop statistical methods that can improve health outcomes through more accurate and personalized data analysis. My research focuses on Bayesian methods and nonparametric statistics, with applications in cancer research and genomic data. I hope to develop innovative approaches to identify genetic mutations associated with disease, improve precision medicine and ultimately contribute to better prevention, diagnosis and treatment strategies. In the future, I also hope to apply these methods to address important questions in women's health, an area where significant disparities and unmet needs remain. Receiving this scholarship would allow me to dedicate more time to research, coursework and professional development instead of worrying about financial burdens.”

Doctor of Philosophy,
Biostatistics

Emmalie Parker

William O. Cleverley Fellowship



Master of Health Administration

I am incredibly grateful and indebted to the Cleverley family and the fellowship's contributors for creating and sustaining this scholarship. As a first-generation college student, I was drawn to Ohio State's Master of Health Administration program due to its supportive nature and legacy of mentorship.

This upcoming academic year, I am looking forward to a few exciting events and opportunities. I will be continuing my internship at the James Cancer Center assisting in business development and strategic initiatives. Additionally, I am serving as the case competition planning chair and will be coordinating, planning and executing our upcoming 2027 competition with our outstanding partner health system that I cannot wait to announce. I look forward to completing my capstone project and receiving my Six-Sigma Yellow Belt... I am incredibly grateful for the Cleverley Fellowship and the opportunity it has given me to explore each of these interests.”

Asya Parmar

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“Before studying public health, I was struggling to believe I was able to work in healthcare. What led me to public health was the broadness of studies and careers embedded within. It made me feel like I had spot in the healthcare field regardless of how smart I believe I am. I aspire to work with hospitals and communities to lessen the maternal mortality rates of Black women. After learning about the disproportion rates of maternal mortality that Black women face, I knew this was what I was meant to be studying and hopefully mitigating. Receiving this support means everything and more to my family, especially as a first-generation student. Getting this support encourages me to further my aspirations to be able to give back to other first-generation students like myself. Thank you to the Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Scholarship for believing and supporting my future achievements.”

Kaitlyn Pedicord

Charles A. Turner Scholarship

Mark Wagar Memorial Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Business Commerce and Healthcare Analytics. When most people think of healthcare, they think of (doctors, nurses, physician assistants) and so on. Growing up, my family had limited access to healthcare. Neither of my parents went to college, putting us in a tough financial position, choosing between schoolbooks and a check-up, a birthday or braces, a bike or a strep test. Every doctor visit cost something that most kids could just have. Once I learned there was more to healthcare than just doctors and nurses, I knew I wanted to pursue a Master of Health Administration, and be a steppingstone for change. This scholarship allows me to do this, and for that I am so grateful. You are helping me improve my parent's life, people's lives and 8-year-old Kaitlyn's life, so thank you.”

Shannon Pothier

Dr. Amy Acton Future Leaders of Public Health Scholarship
College of Public Health General Scholarship



Master of Public Health,
Environmental Health Sciences

I am very grateful and fortunate to accept this scholarship! I have a background as a registered nurse where I have worked in a variety of settings across eight years of experience. Working hands on with many different patient populations and observing how racial, ethnic, environmental and socioeconomic disparities affect health equity primarily led me to want to pursue a career in public health. I have also always had an appreciation for preventative healthcare and health education, being a primary witness to how delaying healthcare can lead to poor outcomes.

My professional aspirations include working in environments (public or private) to improve environmental health for those living in disadvantaged urban neighborhoods, as well as continuing research. This support is extremely helpful to me and others like me who are trying to promote healthy living in our country.”

Mike Ragland

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student
Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“Thank you for your generosity and for believing in students like me. As a first-generation college student, pursuing higher education has always felt like stepping into unfamiliar territory, but it is also something I take pride in. Studying public health became important to me after seeing how much a person’s environment and access to care shape their entire life. I hope to become a public health nurse practitioner and work with communities that deserve better support and stronger advocacy.

This scholarship does more than help me continue my education. It shows my younger siblings that college is possible for us. They see me working toward a future that once felt out of reach, and now they talk about their own goals with confidence. Your support creates a ripple effect in my family that will last for years.”

Sydney Rizzo

College of Public Health Undergraduate Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“I am from Mansfield, Ohio and the daughter of two public school educators who taught me to stay curious, work hard and give back to the communities that shaped me. Studying public health allows me to pursue that purpose by addressing the systemic barriers to care I witnessed growing up, especially the health disparities affecting friends and neighbors in my community. This path has led me toward a future in speech-language pathology, where I hope to earn my master’s degree and eventually create a foundation that provides communication disorder services to individuals with limited resources due to geography. Receiving this scholarship eases the financial burden on my family and allows me to focus more fully on my education, honoring the sacrifices my parents made to support my goals. Your generosity strengthens my motivation to continue this work, and I am sincerely grateful for your support and belief in my potential.”

Isabella Ruiz

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



“I grew up in Archbold, Ohio, where I was first exposed to public health program work while being a part of a youth-led substance use and mental health prevention organization that my county had. I didn't really know that it was public health work, nor was it ever fully framed as that, but it gave me opportunities to learn about the field. I studied sustainability and public health at Goshen College before coming to Ohio State. After receiving my master's, I hope to work in substance abuse prevention, with a specific interest in work related to the expansion of harm reduction programs. I am very grateful for this support. As a first-generation student for both undergraduate and graduate degrees and the eldest child in my family, I'm often navigating financial aid by myself for my brother and me. Having support means that there is less to worry about when navigating aid.”

Master of Public Health,
Health Behavior Health Promotion

Cecelia Salem

Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

Thank you for your generous support of the Ohio State Master of Health Administration program and its students. Receiving this scholarship is incredibly meaningful to me and helps make it possible for me to continue pursuing my goals in healthcare leadership.

As a second-generation American from a large family, I have always understood the value of hard work, education and perseverance. As a student supporting myself through school, this scholarship eases a significant financial burden and allows me to focus more fully on my academic and professional development.

My path to healthcare began in direct patient care as an oral surgery assistant and has expanded through my studies in public health and my internship with the Ohio Department of Health. These experiences inspired me to pursue a Master of Health Administration and a career focused on improving accessibility and strengthening healthcare systems. Your generosity is helping me take the next step toward that goal, and I am sincerely grateful for your investment in my future.”

Livia Schorn

Anna M. and Reverend Dr. Calvin A. Hood Memorial Scholarship
College of Public Health General Scholarship



“I come from a family that deeply values service, and growing up I saw how preventable conditions affected people in my community, which sparked my interest in public health. I chose this field because I wanted to help address health disparities and improve access, prevention and quality care for underserved populations.

My academic journey has strengthened my commitment and drive to promoting community health initiatives and advocating for equitable systems. I have developed a strong interest in health education and policy, where I can influence long-term solutions.

Professionally, I would like to work in public health policy or community health programming, where I would be able to help design and create solutions that leave lasting impacts on the community. Receiving this support eases the financial burden on my family and allows me to stay focused on my goals.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Environmental Public Health

Grace Seymour

Ruth Ella Moore, PhD, Scholarship



Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

“Thank you so much for donating to support my education at Ohio State! Your support means so much to me and my family as I navigate being a first-generation college student. Coming to Ohio State has exposed me to many new perspectives, helping me better understand both myself and my passions. As a freshman, I initially planned to work in patient care. However, I soon realized that many of the challenges patients face are rooted in larger systemic issues, such as access to care, cost and inequities within the healthcare system. These experiences have inspired me to pursue a career in health policy, where I can help address these systemic barriers and work toward creating more equitable healthcare systems. I am especially interested in developing policies that improve access and outcomes for underserved communities.

I am incredibly grateful for your generosity, as it allows me to continue pursuing a path toward making a meaningful impact. Thank you again for your support.”

Sabreen Sheera

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



“I am a second-year student at The Ohio State University studying public health and sociology with a minor in business. My interest in public health comes from understanding how social and environmental factors shape health outcomes, especially within underserved communities. Through my coursework and experiences, I have become passionate about addressing health disparities and improving community well-being.

In the future, I hope to pursue a career to create healthcare solutions. I am especially interested in improving access to care and developing programs that support healthier communities.

Receiving this scholarship means so much to me and my family. It helps reduce financial stress and allows me to focus on my education, involvement, and future goals without as much worry.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

DaLyn Shelton

Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Student Scholarship



“Thank you for your generous support through the Larry and Barbara Margolis First-Generation Scholarship. As a first-generation college student, my path to higher education has not always been easy. Coming from a background where financial challenges were common, I learned early on the importance of hard work, responsibility and perseverance. My family has always supported my goals, even when resources were limited, and being able to attend college is something that means so much to all of us. These experiences are what led me to pursue public health. I have seen how lack of access to healthcare and education can affect communities like mine, and I want to be part of the solution. My goal is to help improve health outcomes and create more equitable access to care.

This scholarship lifts a huge burden off my family and motivates me to keep pushing forward. I am truly grateful for your support.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Ramsha Shoyeb

Charles A. Turner Scholarship
Donald R. Newkirk Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“Thank you so much for your generosity and for investing in students like me. I am an international student pursuing my Master of Health Administration, and receiving this scholarship means more to me than I can express. My interest in healthcare comes from wanting to make a meaningful impact by improving how healthcare organizations serve patients and communities. Throughout my academic journey, I have worked hard while balancing leadership roles and gaining experience in healthcare settings, all of which have strengthened my passion for this field. This scholarship helps ease the financial burden on my family and allows me to focus more on my education and professional growth. My goal is to build a career in healthcare administration where I can help create efficient, patient-centered systems and become a leader who makes a positive difference. Thank you again for believing in my future and supporting my journey.”

Alexandra Smith

First Community Village Endowed Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am originally from Massillon, Ohio. I also went to The Ohio State University for my undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in business. I have always been fascinated by the healthcare industry and knew it was something I would like to work in growing up. I have witnessed multiple family healthcare struggles in my life. My brother facing Hodgkin lymphoma, my mom overcoming breast cancer and my grandma fighting a strong battle with Alzheimer's disease. Each of these experiences has shaped the way I view the healthcare industry. I am now in my residency at Nationwide Children's Hospital, where I have learned I am quite passionate about patient and family experience, and business process improvement. This contribution means so much to me and my family, as I will be able to focus on my studies without thinking of financial burden.”

James Vacca

Dr. Janet E. Porter Endowed Scholarship



Master of Public Health,
Program for Experienced Professionals

“I started my journey in public health a few years ago because I wanted to do more to help my community and the world around me. My corporate position was not fulfilling at all and limited how much time I could spend on social justice, improving the lives of others and caring for those most in need...but I knew that the leap from the corporate world to public health was a big one. The support from this scholarship helps me achieve these goals without the burden of excessive debt.

I am pursuing a Master of Public Health to educate and prepare myself to step into the world of macro-level social work. Social justice is very important to me as a human being, a U.S. citizen, and as a social worker....Our civic and governmental systems can be incredibly useful tools for improving the lives of everyone, but only when people dedicated to that ideal are an integral part of the systems.”

Vaishnavi Vengala

John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship



“I am deeply grateful for the support provided through the John and Cindy Heller Undergraduate Scholarship. As a student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Sociology at The Ohio State University, my passion for public health stems from witnessing disparities in access to care within underserved communities. These experiences motivated me to study how social structures influence health outcomes and to advocate for more equitable systems. My goal is to work at the intersection of healthcare policy and community outreach, focusing on improving access and education for marginalized populations. Receiving this scholarship not only eases the financial burden on my family but also allows me to stay focused on my academic and professional development. Your generosity directly supports my journey toward creating meaningful change in public health.”

Bachelor of Science in Public Health,
Public Health Sociology

Hannah Welch

Dr. Janet E. Porter Endowed Scholarship



Master of Public Health,
Health Behavior Health Promotion

“My passion for this field comes from my experience of living with Type 1 diabetes for the past 11 years. My diagnosis has shown me firsthand how important affordable and accessible healthcare truly is.

This scholarship means a lot to me, as I have worked multiple jobs for the past three years to pay for my education. This scholarship takes away a large amount of financial stress and allows me more time to focus on my classes, advocacy work and upcoming summer internship.

I’m especially interested in work that focuses on improving access to care for people living with Type 1 diabetes. The past two years, I’ve had the opportunity to travel to Capitol Hill to meet with congressional staff to advocate for policies that improve insulin affordability, beta cell research and access to care, which has been an incredibly meaningful experience for me... I’m extremely grateful for your generosity and support, it truly makes a difference in my life.”

Ava Williams

William O. Cleverley Fellowship



Master of Health Administration

“My studies in clinical leadership and management, combined with my professional experiences have led me to pursue my Master of Health Administration by showing me how as an administrator I can impact entire communities. Throughout my time working in inpatient and outpatient environments and healthcare service lines, I have seen how an effective leader is able to increase the quality of care and access to care for patients. My long-term professional goals are to increase access to quality care in underserved communities, and completing my degree is a step closer to achieving this goal. I aspire to complete a fellowship and advance into a senior level management position within a large healthcare organization. Receiving this scholarship means so much to my family and I as it allows me to focus on achieving my professional goals without the stress of financial burdens. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to pursue my degree with support from program alumni.”

Joshua Yoder

Robert P. Mullen Scholarship



Master of Health Administration

“I am writing to express my sincere thanks for your generous gift, which makes the education that my classmates and I are receiving possible and more affordable. Because of your generosity, we will have the opportunity to develop and grow the skills necessary to be dedicated, qualified and patient-centered healthcare administrators. Being involved in a car accident at a very young age gave me the appreciation for all of the people involved that make patient-centered healthcare delivery possible. I look forward to the opportunities to learn in the classroom, as well as outside the classroom in case competitions, clinical rotations, the administrative residency and conversations with professionals. Because of this learning that you are making possible, we will be able to learn how to best serve the patients, communities and healthcare organizations that we are a part of. Truly, thank you again for your gift that makes this opportunity possible — I am beyond grateful.”

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