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As a product of teen pregnancy and being raised in a single parent household, I am so grateful to attend an illustrious institution away from home. Although I did not have much, I would not be where or who I am today without my strong village of family, friends, and community. However, the downside of escaping to a new, opportunistic environment, after 18 years of limitations and scarce resources, is having even more financial restrictions and debt. While being able to live out your dreams is amazing, you don't get to enjoy at your fullest extent while worrying about the financial burdens that are accruing as a result of the decision. I have worked hard throughout my life, in and outside of school, in an effort to guarantee more success in financial security for college. I do not want finances to hinder my capabilities and opportunities.

I am a promising, aspiring mechanical engineer, who will change the world through technology and aerospace innovation. I want to make my mark on the world by creating and improving aerospace technology and embarking on an incredible career journey by helping get more people into space. After pursuing my bachelors, I plan to pursue a masters degree in Applied Systems Engineering and a Ph.D in Aerospace Engineering. I am confident in the belief that higher education is the key to achieving bigger dreams. Receiving this scholarship will help me alleviate the expenses of my undergraduate degree, allowing me to better fund my advanced degrees in the STEM discipline. The best part about my aerospace interest is that it includes the entire STEM realm and allows diversity and limitless options for the rest of my career. I am constantly working towards creating a better life for myself by doing what I love, so I am able to give back to my family, community, and people everywhere who resemble the same persistence

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through the struggle like me. As Bill Taylor Memorial Scholar, I will use this resource to further my undergraduate career and continue to strive to be a better woman, a better influence on youth, and a better individual in my community.