By becoming a successful recipient of and obtaining the Dr. William W.L. "Bill" Taylor Memorial Scholarship, my desire to further my educational career in STEM and furthermore, become an impactful woman of color in the field of dentistry will become an enhanced reality. My aspirations to enter the field of dentistry and become an educator in the African-American community is why I chose to apply to a scholarship that may assist in prolonging my significant and imperative education in STEM.

The role of a dentist is to provide preventive care for their patient along with educating them on how to take care of their teeth to avert further visits. Growing up in my community I witnessed many individuals that had to take multiple trips to the dentist because they were not well informed on how they were supposed to substantially maintain their oral health. In addition to their constant visits, these same people struggled to finance their dental care. Once in the field of dentistry, my hope is to educate my patients, as well as my community on oral health and anatomy. The intention is that this education will prevent constant, unnecessary visits to the dentist and allow individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, like myself, to save money and break a generational pattern of poor oral hygiene that has been seen particularly in low-income and African American communities.

Philanthropy is another aspect which I envision becoming apart of my career in dentistry. As a junior at Howard University, I'm currently in the process of beginning a non-profit dental organization named "Pearls of Wisdom"; an organization that is geared towards educating, assisting, and donating to children and families from underprivileged areas throughout the United States. After traveling to my home country of Jamaica and witnessing the lack of simple toiletries, such as toothpaste or even a toothbrush, in many homes of children, my motivation to extend my education in the STEM and dentistry was intensified. Oral health is the basis of prolonging an overall healthy body and lifestyle. The oral cavity is one of the main openings to the human body, many health issues derive from what we put in our mouths, as well as how attentive we are in taking care of our oral health. With this scholarship, I will have the opportunity to continue my undergraduate career, successfully develop my non-profit, and thus impact the lives of children and families that come from societies like my own.

In essence, I want to be more than a dentist. I want to be a leader, innovator, philanthropist, and activist. I want to be an individual who influences future leaders in their community while providing necessary care and information involving dental health. This being said, I can assure that becoming a recipient of the Dr. William W.L. "Bill" Taylor Memorial Scholarship will allow me understand and cherish the privilege of education, because it is education, knowledge, and leadership that capture the hearts and minds of others and thus empowers new leaders.

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