

Personal Statement

I lost my dad when I was two years old. One day we learned that my father had died. No one would explain it. We were just given his clothes. To feed our family, he sacrificed his life. He sacrificed everything for us. He was my hero. When you lose someone important, it can make you stronger and you can work harder than ever before. Losing a loved one has brought me to the realization that I need to be strong, work harder, and be successful to support my family and the people who are in need.

When I was young, I saw people begging for food on the street so they could help their loved ones. I also saw an old grandma begging for a doctor to save her two-year-old granddaughter. She was desperate to help the child. This made me feel so helpless. I want to be able to do more than just feel bad for these people. I want to be able to help them directly. I have always felt the need to care for people who cannot take care of themselves. It is in my nature. This is why I know that Dr. Becky J. Smith Scholarship will be good for me. It will help me get the education I need to help others.

I am the first one in my family to get a high school diploma and go to college. My family moved from Thailand to the United States when I was 9 years old, to escape the violence there. I am from a single-parent family. My family never had a lot, but we try our best together to make ends meet. My mom used to work full-time, but after she became very ill a few months ago, she stays at home taking care of her health. While I am in school and working two jobs to provide for the family income. The scholarship opportunity would help me with some of the financial needs for my education. My education is very important for my future and my family because I truly want to finish my education and eventually work in a role to support and help my community.

I was an intern for the Indiana and Balck Minority Health Fair in the 2021 summer. The Indiana Black and Minority Health fair was to improve the health of all races and ethnic populations in Indiana. The fair mission statement is to increase awareness, partnerships, and the development and promotion of effective health policies and programs that help reduce minority health disparities. The health fair plays a vital role in the community.

My role at the Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Minority Health Department was to assist in preparing and organizing the Indiana Black and Minority Health Fair and also help in the preparing and organizing of other functions sponsored by OMH. I worked directly with the OMH and ISDH staff in attending all meetings, responsible for coordinating the distribution of credentials for sponsors, assist in organizing the Annual Minority Health Conference, was responsible for ensuring the health fair is monitored, verified sponsor and exhibitors, developed and create resources for the health fair, prepare data assessment of health fair, and other duties as assigned. I chose this organization because I find its mission to be important and relevant to my career goals which are helping and supporting the community especially in the underserved areas.

