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Scholarship Committee
The Dr. Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship

Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

During my five years of pharmacy school, I remember that every time I did a presentation or a seminar, my professors, friends and colleagues would insist that I need to continue my postgraduate education and become a professor because I was highly capable of explaining my ideas and grabbing the audience's attention up until the last minute of my speech.

After I graduated from pharmacy school in Jordan and came to the United States, two of my younger sisters went to the same pharmacy school, and when my professors knew about the relationship, they immediately asked if I continued my education and sent me a message stating that I definitely need to.

A Master Degree in Public Health is essential for me and will certainly offer me extensive training in my chosen area of specialization. Also pursuing a PhD in Public Health in the future which is my ultimate goal will create continued opportunities for me to learn about advancements in the field of public health in general that will lead me towards it as the specialization of my choice and assist me to pursue my career in research and teaching.

Being a hybrid program, this master perfectly suits my current needs and allows for greater flexibility and ease of attendance and at the same time helps me advance in my career and enhance my competitiveness for admission to a Ph.D program in the future. I'm confident that this program would be directly relatable and beneficial to someone who desires to continue their education pathway. Academically, I was at my best throughout my pharmacy undergraduate education and training and maintained consistency. As a result, I graduated with a ranking of 14 out of 244 in my class with an excellent GPA of 86.9%.

As a student of pharmacy, I learned that practical work and experience is more important than just theoretical learning, as our profession involves extensive experimentation and research. As my transcripts show, I have completed 12 courses of lab work in all different areas of pharmacy. The internship and field experiences at UNF's Master of Public Health Program provide valuable professional experience and professional networking which is what I am really looking for.

My pathway to get licensed as a pharmacist in the United States was not easy but that didn't stop me from accomplishing my goal of getting practical experience as a hospital pharmacist.

Pharmacy is my passionate field where the scope of learning is vast as it deals with the science of drugs. In my undergraduate program, I studied different areas of pharmacy such as pharmacology, pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutical analysis and organic and inorganic chemistry. Although I had a comprehensive exposure in these areas as an undergraduate student, the scope of specialization in a particular area of choice has been limited at the bachelor's level.

Throughout my whole life, I have always been very determined on achieving my goals. Growing up in an environment where my parents had high expectations inspired me and pushed me forward.

My parents sacrificed a lot to give us the opportunity to get the best education. Their dream for us to pursue our postgraduate education was their motivation for their sacrifices. Without the help of my family, I wouldn't be able to be where I am today. They influenced me in many different ways to help me discover my interests. They gave me the power to have determination and confidence of being who I am.

Faced with this academic discipline that is crucially connected with human life and human welfare, I have always been fascinated by this subject, dreaming of making my own contributions to the improvement of the quality of human life. Every time I learn about new theories, approaches and developments in public health, I cannot help feeling excited.

Being a mom for small kids and working as a part-time pharmacist, this scholarship will help my financial needs to pay for my education.
Thank you so much for taking the time to consider my application.