

I am applying for this scholarship for the reason that so many college students enter college with the fear and the burden of graduating and not being able to pay off their student loans. I am entering the career field of broadcast journalism. In the beginning of my career journey I will not bring in a substantial income. My college debt will be much more than I will be making. Therefore, I am attempting to minimize my student debt. I believe that all high school students should have the opportunity to attend college and receive a valuable education in order to obtain their dream job, no matter the income.

I have recently been accepted to the University of Missouri as a freshman to their Journalism School. My interest in the University Missouri derived from the Journalism School's notoriety and history of being among the top journalism schools in the nation. I plan to graduate with a double major in broadcast journalism and strategic communication. Acquiring these two majors will allow me to pursue a career either as a television news anchor or as a public relations executive. I value my education, and I believe that, along with my solid work ethic, by attending this University, I will receive an outstanding education. In my collegiate journey I plan to work at MU's very own student run news station, KOMU TV, which will give me valuable experiences before entering the workforce. Also during my journey I hope to have the opportunity to study abroad. I believe that experiencing several cultures is key to being a well-rounded individual. I will be able to accomplish this in my four years at the University of Missouri, due to taking dual credit classes as a junior and senior in high school.

After graduating from college my ultimate career goal would be to work at a national news station as a news anchor. I will have to start out at a local station anchoring or working as a reporter; however, this may be my dream. I have taken into consideration that this career is a risky investment due to a declining growth rate, which is why I have chosen to peruse a second major of strategic communication. With this major my goal would be to become a public relations executive of a large company. These majors will allow me to pursue either career. I am very eager to dive in to my post-secondary education studies and work diligently to achieve my goals.