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## What Drives Me

Growing up as a kid my family faced many hardships and setbacks; everyone in my family has a severe mental or physical ailment/disability which makes daily living a struggle, and it is hard to do even the simplest of tasks. On top of that, we are in a tight financial spot, as a kid and even into my late youth we attended many food banks to receive whatever old food was available at the food banks, We have been on housing my entire life since no one in my family can work, we have starved, been without water, medicine, proper clothing. We have been through every helping resource imaginable, no matter what however we survived. That is my family alright we are survivors even in the toughest of situations.

Ever since a kid I have been pushing myself to be the best scholar that I could be, I was driven because of my family's situation. I wanted to be the best of the best, and get good grades. Make it far in my education life and go to college so that I can support my family and pull us out of the hard and depressive life we have always had to live. Along the way, in my desperate steps for success, I have achieved many feats, including Girl Scouts, German National Honor Society, Renaissance, National Honor Society, and many more. When I joined Girl Scouts in Elementary school, I discovered my love for helping others as well as helping my own family. I fell in love with volunteering and mental health awareness during this time which helped me come to the conclusion that being a psychiatrist would not only help me and my family but others around me which would be just as awarding to me as well!

With the help of a scholarship I plan on using it to the best of my ability, I will be the first in my family to attend college. I want to further my education and academic excellence so that I can earn my degree in psychology and pre-pharmacy so that I can become a psychiatrist. When I finish all my years of schooling and field study I will be able to complete my dream of helping others and supporting my family. I may be one person, but I so desperately want to help the world the best I can even if it is one person at a time. There are so many people in the world struggling the way that I did when I was younger and I would love to be the change to help them have an easier time in life and a better chance at life than I did.

I have always worked hard in anything that I am in, I put my best foot forward and I will continue to do so. I will not stop until I have reached my goal of becoming successful in life besides the challenges I have faced and will face in the future, and I will help others along the way with me. Hopefully, if I make just one change in one person's life I will feel accomplished. I have a great sense of perseverance, I have the wonderful drive, problem-solving skills, and much more to get through this challenging test called life. This is what drives me to be the very best version of myself.