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Driven By A Desire To Serve My Community

Community service and philanthropy are essential to my identity. My grandfather has always advised me to do what I can to help the people around me. This piece of wisdom has become a tenet I live by and it is evident in my extracurricular activities and lifestyle.

I enjoy volunteering at the Jenks Aquarium, Tulsa Zoo, and Emergency Infant Services regularly. Additionally, I also serve as a math tutor for Jenks High School students. This experience allows me to connect with my peers and contribute my strengths to a good cause. This year, I was selected as a member of Youth Philanthropy Initiative Tulsa's Cohort 14. This is a group of 25 high school students who are developing a philanthropic project about an under-addressed issue facing teens. I am involved with Key Club, a high school service organization, and I served in a leadership role this year as a board member. I organized volunteer activities and communicated with the high school volunteers about various events. Next year, I will be serving as a Key Club Lieutenant Governor of Division 19 and acting as a liaison between different high school key clubs and the larger Key Club District of Texas-Oklahoma.

Throughout all of my extracurricular activities, I am striving to be a servant leader. A leader is not defined by a fancy title or position. Instead, a desire to serve the community, passion, accountability, resilience, and responsibility make up the qualities of a good leader. My aspiration to make the world a better place has also influenced my potential career plans. I want

to become a psychiatrist in the future. The pandemic has affected many aspects of our lives and my teenage years. As a result, I am well aware of the shortage of psychiatrists and mental health professionals in many areas, especially rural locations. I hope to fill this gap and inspire others to join me.

In conclusion, what drives me is a passion for making a positive impact on my community and the world. I believe that the Jiffy Lube Scholarship will help me achieve my future career goals.