

Yoojin Park  
SNUCMAA-NA Dr. Taewoong Kim Scholarship Progress Report

Dear SNUCMAA-NA,

I first want to appreciate the generous financial support from SNUCMAA-NA, which has given my family and me more financial freedom. This scholarship not only lifts the financial burden but also serves a significant honor for me to carry on for the rest of my career. As a Korean-American aspiring to become a physician, receiving this scholarship means a lot to me.

Over the past year as a second-year pre health student, I have been exploring ways to better understand medicine and seeking opportunities for direct patient interaction. To achieve this goal, I decided to enroll in a weekend Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) class, hoping to get my license by the end of the spring semester to work as a CNA over the summer. All of my tuition, supplies, and transportation for this class have been generously covered by this scholarship. Additionally, to enroll in the class, I had to be AHA BLS certified, and the certification class was covered by the scholarship. The financial support from this scholarship has allowed me to take meaningful steps toward my goal of becoming a physician.



Through this class, I have learned the crucial skills for maintaining a person's health and have gained so much insight into what it means to be a caregiver. Recently, we had our first clinical at a local nursing home, which broadened my perspective on the direct patient-health

provider experience. I see this as the beginning of many direct experiences that will shape my career. With this license, I am excited to provide daily care to residents and be a part of their journey during their time at a nursing home or a hospital.

I hope to use the second half of this scholarship to further my passion towards research and education. Research has been one of my greatest pursuits, as it piques my curiosity. There is no right or wrong answer, but the result of one experiment gives a clue for the next. To continue on this journey, I plan to conduct research at a Duke lab over the summer. Moreover, I intend to take a summer chemistry lab course to allow for more flexibility in my coursework during my remaining college semesters. This scholarship will significantly help cover my living expenses while I am in Durham over the summer. I sincerely thank SNUCMAA-NA for the generous support in furthering my career goals and allowing me to explore my passions. Thank you!

Best,  
Yoojin Park