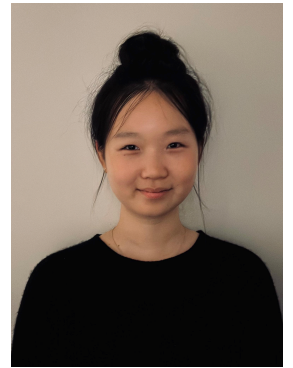


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SNUCMAA of NA Scholarship Progress Report

It is with great sincerity and gratitude that I submit this progress report regarding the 2025 - 2026 SNUCMAA of NA Sechin Cho, M.D. and Mrs. Young Cho scholarship. My first semester at Harvard University has been a period of both academic and personal growth, and I am honored to share how your generous support has shaped my journey.

The 2025 - 2026 SNUCMAA of NA Sechin Cho, M.D. and Mrs. Young Cho scholarship has been instrumental in allowing me the opportunity to fully immerse myself in my studies. The scholarship not only offered relief from financial strains but also the stability to freely pursue my passion and academic aspirations. Although I am currently receiving need-based financial aid from Harvard University, the support from the SNUCMAA-NA scholarship has been vital in bridging the gap for expenses that fell outside of tuition, including but not limited to the broader cost of attendance and living expenses. In my study of politics and international relations, the scholarship enabled me to devote my time outside of the classroom to attending speaker events, participating in seminar discussions, and conducting independent research – the time that would have been spent working at a part-time position on campus. It was the generous support from the scholarship that I was able to balance my academic workload with meaningful service through the Philips Brooks House Association (PBHA), while fully committing myself to my role as a staff writer for the Harvard Political Review. The time spent serving the broader Boston community through the PBHA and investigating complex global political issues allowed me to not only learn about international relations in theory but also actively participate in the discourse that deepened my understanding of them. By alleviating the financial burden associated with essential academic expenses, the scholarship helped me to maintain a high level of academic rigor and pursue supplemental learning opportunities that enabled me to transform theoretical knowledge into real-life practices.

Guided by the generosity of this scholarship and the life I led as a pastor's daughter, I envision my future as one defined by service to others. My commitment to the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) has already allowed me to serve the Boston community, and I plan to expand this impact as I move forward in my legal and political career. In the future, I hope to use the foundations in international relations and political science to advocate for those who are marginalized in our societies, particularly those affected by the humanitarian crisis in North Korea. Serving as an international diplomat with a commitment to human rights advocacy, I hope that my efforts to address systemic inequalities and human rights violations will offer a path toward dignity for those in marginalized communities. Paying forward the generosity of the SNUCMAA-NA, Sechin Cho, M.D., and Mrs. Young Cho, I am committed to using my voice and my education to serve those in need across the globe. This scholarship has been a cornerstone of my freshman year, and I look forward to honoring your support through my future contributions to international diplomacy and human rights advocacy.