

Dear Tournament of Friendship:

My name is Cande Bramble and I am 24-year-old Criminal Justice major at Michigan State University. I am of Mexican and American heritage, and I have two younger brothers that I constantly strive to set a positive example for. In addition to being a full-time student, I also serve as a volunteer Advocate for the Capital Area Response Effort, where I work with other volunteers to respond to domestic violence dispatch calls in the Greater Lansing Area. We provide advocacy and support to survivors of domestic assault and violence, helping them navigate through this difficult and challenging time in their lives. I also currently work at the East Lansing Marriott Hotel as a Front Desk Host.

At the time of receiving the scholarship in 2016, I was a 22-year-old sophomore who was working two jobs and trying to balance that work with my academic schedule, so it came at the perfect time. It was an honor that I was selected for The Tournament of Friendship Scholarship. It meant a lot to me, because it greatly aided me in pursuing my academic goals, by allowing me a lot more time to focus on my studies, without so much financial uncertainty. I am extremely grateful and would like to sincerely thank all of the golfers, sponsors, donors, and committee members who came together to raise the funds needed to support the Scholarship that I received.

I have worked extremely hard since my scholarship award, and I currently am entering my final year of college with my eyes fixed on an exciting future. Very soon, I will officially be a graduate, which means the World to me. This summer I am participating in an internship with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. In this role I am assisting Investigators in identifying fraud being perpetuated against the various Health and Human Services programs that they offer to Michigan residents. I am eager to learn more about this role and this agency this summer, as well as to the continued professional development this internship will offer. After I graduate, my hope is to secure full-time employment working in Restorative Justice.

Being a recipient of the Tournament of Friendship Scholarship is something that I will not soon forget, and I want to again thank everyone who comes together each year to make this scholarship possible for students like myself.

Thank you,

Cande Bramble