

Meet Moyosoreoluwa Akintunde!



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“My name is Moyosoreoluwa Akintunde. That’s a mouthful, right? It means “I rejoice in the Lord’s blessings.” I am a first-generation Nigerian-American that simply goes by Moyo and I try to spend each day rejoicing in the little and larger things life has to offer, such being on the verge of completing my first semester of nursing school at Emory University.

My first semester has not been easy by any measure however, FA Davis books have been amazingly useful in understanding the foundations of nursing. As a lifelong learner, I made a promise to myself long ago that I would ensure my learning would someday positively impact the care of patients.

The synergy between my willingness to challenge myself and FA Davis’ goal of helping students master their coursework encourages me to fulfill that promise to myself daily. With the aid of this scholarship, I will be able to finance the gap between my financial need and current funds.

Along with being the best nursing student I can be, I run a blog that features my love of natural hair, local food spots, and Bob Marley. This platform has allowed me to encourage other minorities to seek opportunities in every nook and cranny.”

Moyosoreoluwa's Scholarship Essay:

"How will you make an impact on society after you have earned your degree?"

In the last twenty-five years researchers have studied the alarming, widening health disparities across the nation. Areas deemed underserved communities are most affected by these disparities. Often having a large population of patients living under the poverty line, these communities are well acquainted with the lack of primary care providers, as well as transportation and language barriers. Patients should not be relegated to a life of poor care because of their circumstances and environment. As a future nursing professional, it is not only a personal desire, but in fact, a duty to close the gap in healthcare by vowing my services to these communities.

Atlanta, Georgia and it's surrounding counties are not simply areas that I call home; they are areas that desperately need primary care providers to serve patients clinically, while advocating and educating the community on preventive measures. Working as a Nurse Practitioner would be the first step in doing my part to help communities such as these to overcome challenges. In partnering with local organizations that offer services free of charge and healthcare providers whose goals resemble mine, I would have a hand in decreasing the health disparity gap.

As an isolated individual and community resident, my effort to bring about widespread change to these disadvantaged communities is quite limited. However, becoming a licensed healthcare provider gives me an additional platform to change my community through my interactions – one patient at a time. Taking part in community outreach programs and events are examples of how I aim to reach underserved communities outside the four walls of a hospital. It is important for me to care for local communities as a reflection of my personal mission. I will care, serve, and fight for the populations that are medically lacking the most.

Communities all around the nation are impacted by growing health disparities and are in need of educated health providers to rise up on their behalf. If selected to receive this scholarship, I will become equipped with the resources needed to provide my contribution of service to an area in need. It is my hope that my degree and passion for the men, women, and children of these underserved communities will impact these communities by reducing the number of patients with preventable diseases.