



Kerry Farlie

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Dean's Preeminence Scholarship*

"Because of this scholarship, I am the first in my family to attend medical school and I'm able to focus on learning the clinical skills and knowledge to the best of my ability with this"

My name is Kerry Farlie, and I'm a third-year medical student who grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I earned my undergraduate degree from Princeton University, where I studied molecular biology. I decided to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine because of my interview day experience. I saw how close and happy the students were. I was excited by the research, mentorship, and collaborative environment that UF had to offer.

My fondest memory of medical school has been the UF Artist's Market last spring when my class came together for the first organized event since COVID. It was amazing to see how talented my classmates are. I enjoyed their performances, art, and food. We had a very unusual start to medical school with the pandemic, so I was very thankful for the opportunity to get to know and interact with my classmates.

I had always wanted to pursue a career where I could have an impact and help people, but I did not consider medicine until my second year of college after I had the opportunity to participate in a program where I shadowed physicians from all different specialties. I saw the reciprocal impact patients and doctors shared, and observed collaboration and problem-solving between providers. I'm undecided about a specialty, but I'm leaning toward pediatrics, emergency medicine, or neurology.

I would like to say thank you so much for this generous scholarship! I'm so appreciative for the support and the opportunities I am provided here. Your generosity motivates me, and I hope to pay it forward and give back to my community in the future.