Jon Fakhry

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"Thank you for your kind generosity. I am deeply appreciative of your gift, and I remind myself of your blessings every day through my prayers. Very few students get the opportunity to practice in this career, let alone attend a phenomenal medical school on a scholarship. I want to let you know, that your efforts have directly impacted me, my fiance and my family for the better. God bless you."

My name is Jon Fakhry, and I'm a fourth-year medical student from Stuart, FL. I earned my undergraduate degree from University of Florida, where I studied Microbiology & Cell Science. I chose to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine because of the strong community and collegial environment. The faculty at UF have been very welcoming, and it feels as though they appreciate having medical students around, especially in the clinical setting. Everyone here loves to teach and mentor, and opportunities are endless.

My fondest memory of medical school was during my surgery rotation. Prior to starting clinical rotations, I never thought I would enjoy the OR. However, the colorectal surgery team here at UF was amazing. They allowed me to scrub into every case and really learn the intricacies of the procedures they were performing. I quickly found that the OR became my favorite place in the hospital, despite the gruesome hours. My experiences in my surgery rotation influenced me to pursue a career as an anesthesiologist.

Because of this scholarship, I can worry less about what specialty I need to choose to pay off student loans, and I can focus on my education instead of my finances.