



Taeya Mayes

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Hugh M. "Smiley" Hill, M.D. Scholarship*

"Thank you for donating to the future physicians of Florida. With your contribution, I am able to focus on honing my skills to become a competent and compassionate physician. It is your help that has allowed me to pursue a dream that seemed out of reach. Thank you."

My name is Taeya Mayes, and I'm a second-year medical student from Bronson, Fla. I earned my undergraduate degree from University of Florida, where I studied Biology. I chose to attend the University of Florida College of Medicine because I knew I would join the ranks of physicians who prioritize compassionate, patient-centered care. I wanted to become a physician that cared for my sister during her darkest time.

My fondest memory from med school to this point is spending hours in the anatomy lab on a Saturday morning the week before our first anatomy practical.

Receiving this scholarship is important to me because I can pursue a career that never seemed possible for someone in my hometown or who looked like me. I can focus on becoming a compassionate and competent physician.