



# VADM Mike & Peg Shoemaker Scholar

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When you say the words medical school, people automatically think of hard work, many years of school, and the financial burden. They associate medical school with a lifetime of school loans. When you are determined and highly motivated, out of those three, the one you find most concerning is the cost. I currently work two jobs, but it is nowhere near enough to pay for college myself. I want to do my part, because I know whatever is given to me by my parents, takes away from something they have worked for. This scholarship helps lighten that burden. It means that as my grandparents wanted my parents to be more successful than them, and my parents want me to be more successful than she is, that I have now been given assistance to help meet that goal. I thank you for your generosity and kindness, and for easing some of my financial burden.