



# GEICO MILITARY Scholar

Demilade Adewole

Chesapeake, VA

College: University of Virginia

2020-2021: Freshman

Major: Neuroscience

## Extracurricular & Community-Service Highlights:

Health Occupations Students of America (President), Prep and Chamber Orchestra, Spanish Club, volunteer with the Apostolic Church Youth Welfare Department, Girls for God, and Butterfly House, Front House/Cashier at Taste Unlimited and shadowed with medical professionals at local pediatric and hospitals.



Coming from a home of Nigerian immigrants gave me a first-hand experience of the importance of one's socioeconomic status. I have experienced both humble beginnings and days where provisions were plentiful, but the genuine struggle I experienced has molded me into the person I am today. As the first born of 16 grandchildren, pursuing a higher education is not only a duty, but also a privilege. With this scholarship, I can now confidently start this journey. Although my present financial situation has changed, due to my father's recent involuntary retirement and mother's job loss, this scholarship has provided me with the hope that everything will in fact be okay. I hope to become a Neurologist with a specialty in geriatrics. Prior to receiving this scholarship, such a goal seemed financially daunting, but now I have the proper financial opportunity needed to thrive while pursuing my passion.