





## **Emily Baragar**

## Two-Year WOASF Scholarship Recipient 2019 Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

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"I am extremely grateful to be receiving this scholarship. After many semesters in the engineering classroom and on the soccer field, this scholarship rewards all my dedication I put into school and sports to become successful. Recently I have started volunteering at the local children's hospital, which has opened my mind to the healthcare world and ways I wish to improve it when I start my career. My friends and family have given me a lot of guidance in my academics and athletic endeavors, which is why I wish to give back to them by easing the financial stresses. This scholarship will allow me to continue my studies as a pre-med student in the biomedical engineering program while playing soccer at a division 1 collegiate level. In doing this I hope to one day give back to the community through medicine, specifically the military community. The military community has been a huge part of my life as my dad is a retired captain in the NAVY. With this scholarship I will be able to finish my education at FIU before entering medical school, where I will be able to serve my community with aspirations of becoming a military doctor. "(2018)



Thanks to WOASF I was awarded two different scholarships for different academic years. I was offered the opportunity to play soccer while pursuing a rigorous undergraduate degree program, but at the cost of attending an out-of-state university. By receiving a WOASF scholarship entering my freshmen year and again my senior year, I did not have any financial worries. Ultimately, I balanced a full-time academic load and Division 1 soccer schedule, meaning there was no time to find a job to fund the extra fees associated with the out-of-state tuition. WOASF helped ease my financial stress, allowing me to pursue a degree that has set me up for a successful career, and giving me the best opportunity to continue my education with the proper pre-requisites for graduate school. Thank you, I am truly appreciative for all WOASF has done for me and my family! (2019)