

My love for baking began at an early age. I remember pretending to open a restaurant and I created a vast menu for it, ranging from cheeseburgers to homemade peanut-butter pie. I would sit and watch the Food Network for hours, engulfed in the world of culinary arts. It wasn't until junior high that I learned of the bakery science major at Kansas State. Being that Kansas State is the only university in the United States that offers this degree, I realized why I hadn't heard of it. I am mesmerized by recipes and why certain ingredients cause the reactions they do. So when I became informed on what I would learn as a bakery science major, I knew I had to apply.

As a bakery science major, I will have an intensive schedule full of chemistry, calculus, and grain science labs. Most people look at me with confusion when I tell them what I will be doing with this major. I plan to work for a large food corporation like General Mills or Little Debbie, and work with fellow members of the company to correspond and create new products and flavors. The label for this career path is a new product development researcher. With this degree, I would strive to find new ways to improve the efficiency and safety of agricultural establishments and their products. Alongside the chemistry I will need, I will also take courses in management and finances. If I cannot find a job as a new product development researcher, I will find a job as either a wholesale and manufacturing sales representative, or an industrial production manager.

If I were to receive this scholarship, the money would go towards paying tuition or for the cost of books. Along with tuition and books, the money could also pay the housing and dining fee that comes along with staying in the dorms. As excited as I am about furthering my educational career at Kansas State University, I know receiving any scholarship will be beneficial to my success there. This scholarship is one I see being helpful in the long run. My family has struggled through a lot of hardships that has hurt us financially. Between my mother and I having multiple surgeries and having my sister in college, they have done everything to keep us afloat. This scholarship would help ease their financial concerns and help my college journey an enjoyable one.

Furthering my academic career has been a priority in my life for the past four years, and it will continue to be a priority until I graduate college with a degree in bakery science. Worrying about financial stability is not something I want as a burden as I start my college journey. For reasons that have been stated in my application and in this essay, this scholarship would be used to pay for tuition and to make my future scholastic excursion less demanding financially.