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Jiffy Lube- What drives me?

In hopes for better opportunities, my family and I left Egypt and immigrated to the United States. Life was simple when I was a two-year-old girl running around worry free. In Egypt, our food market was our only source of income. Unfortunately, it was not too long after the Muslim Brothers had attacked our family and ordered my father to close during the Hours of Prayer. The options were follow the orders or get assassinated in front of the whole rural area. Religious persecution caused us to flee to a different country, for religious freedom, education, and financial opportunities.

To leave our home country, my parents sold all of our belongings. Migrating to the United States, we gained the religious freedom we longed for. Growing up in a distant country, isolated me in classrooms, activities, and even on holidays. Financial barriers never left us, either. My parents, without higher education, were forced into manual labor. A few years later, my grandmother was diagnosed with heart disease and was hospitalized. My mother left her job to take care of her. Struggling to pay for our food and shelter, I worked two jobs while attending high school to help through the financial burdens. Balancing between my commitment to my community, heavy course load in the medical program, and two jobs, I managed to succeed in all aspects. Multiple times, I was an employee of the month and volunteer of the year while maintaining a 3.67 GPA.

Throughout the years, my career goals have not changed but moreover advanced. My interest in college is to expand my skills to become a Pediatrician. As a result, I enrolled in the Center for Advanced Learning's medical program to explore my interest in medicine. In the program, I have been involved in challenging college courses that I never thought I would have succeeded in with English being my second language. I also volunteer at Top Soccer for Handicapped Athletes, encouraging disabled children to accomplish recreational activities, I create a positive, and welcoming experience. Becoming a pediatrician will broaden my service to families and their little ones.

Growing up with financial hardships hinders my opportunity for higher education. This scholarship will give me the ability to pursue and succeed in my pediatrician career. My desire for higher education and a career in the healthcare field drives me to be a hardworking first generation student. Your decision will determine my success in my future career and education.