

## Landry Cheuko

"It is an honor to be chosen as a recipient of the William O. Lockridge scholarship. Most college students must struggle to pay tuition. For example, a lot of students in my neighborhood often end up not getting a higher education due to lack of financial support. This scholarship will give me the chance to avoid joining that statistic.

I knew it would not be easy to get into college, especially when higher institutions expect students from my zip code to be mostly athletes. I applied for colleges and scholarships, and I wrote a lot of essays. Today, I'm happy to say that my challenging work paid off. I will be the first one in my family to attend a 4-year university. This scholarship will help me spread my wings. As a bird, I will fly to a new horizon and make my nest for the next four years at George Mason University where I will major in Computer Science. The transition will not be easy, but with arduous work, and help from my peers and mentors, I will reach my goal of a bachelor's in Computer Science. "