

**JAZZMIN SMITH**

The William O Lockridge scholarship has given me another chance. A chance to expand my mind, further my education and continue to learn. Not only is this a blessing financially but also a privilege. I feel very privileged and touched to receive their support in my post-secondary endeavors. It is such an amazing feeling for me personally to know that there are always these networks of support out there assisting students in their educational pursuits.

This scholarship means the world to me. It has given me the opportunity to become the change I want to see in the world. More and more teens are dying and becoming negatively involved with their community. Gun violence rates among DC's youth is spiraling out of control and you never know how close the end may be. Thanks to this scholarship, this gives me the opportunity to achieve my educational goals to give back to my community.

Thank you so very much for this scholarship!