

I am fortunate to come from a family with a lot of college graduates that has always pushed me towards the path to college. In the last few years of high school, I started thinking about college more seriously and looked for a school I liked; however, something I wasn't prepared for was the cost to attend college and the potential debt students face. Once I saw the price tag for my dream school, Morehouse College, I realized that I needed to find ways to lower the cost with scholarships. After applying for and winning just a few scholarships, I was losing hope that I would not be able to attend my first-choice college, but then I received an invitation to interview for the William O. Lockridge Scholarship. I am so grateful for this scholarship as it will allow me to attend Morehouse and reduce the amount of debt my family and I will have to worry about.

I am thankful the committee chose me as a recipient of the William O. Lockridge Scholarship. To not be held down by debt is what I think it means to really spread your wings as a student and enjoy the college experience. This scholarship has given me hope that I can leave home and spread my wings to grow as a young adult.

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