The Spread Your Wings scholarship means everything to me, after being turned away from other opportunities.

I've been deeply involved with the Lockridge Foundation for three years, and their support has kept my hope alive. Coming from a low-income background, each closed door felt like a setback, but this scholarship is a fresh start—a chance to break through and pursue my dream in criminal justice.

With this support, I will be able to attend a university of my choosing and immerse myself in criminal justice studies—something I've dreamed of doing to bring change. Despite being turned down before, this scholarship affirms that my path is still possible. I am determined to give back to my community by bringing fairness and equity into the justice system, and I am so grateful for this chance to take that first step.

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