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Dear Bako Medical Education Foundation,

I am honored to receive the Bako Medical Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship. As a student at Western University of Health Sciences pursuing a career in podiatric medicine, I am deeply committed to advancing both my education and the profession as a whole. This scholarship's recognition of students working toward that goal makes it especially meaningful to me.

This year, I published a literature review in *Extremitas: Journal of Lower Limb Medicine*, presented a research poster at the 2025 *Extremitas Research Symposium*, and now serve as Editor-in-Chief of the journal. These experiences have strengthened my passion for evidence-based medicine and inspired me to continue contributing to the field through research and scholarship. Your support helps relieve the financial burden of tuition, allowing me to focus more fully on my studies, leadership, and research. Looking ahead, I plan to pursue a career that combines clinical care, surgery, and research to improve quality of life for patients, particularly in underserved communities. I also hope to mentor future podiatric students and support the next generation of leaders in our field. Thank you for your generous support and for helping me continue this journey.

Sincerely,

Amanda Thwaites

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