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Dear Bako Foundation,

I first learned about Bako as a first-year student during a guest lecture on the use of ENFD testing for diagnosing small fiber neuropathy. A tool that could give patients and clinicians something so powerful in medicine: validation. For someone suffering from unexplained burning pain, tingling, or numbness, finally having an objective answer—and a path forward—can be life-changing. My motivation to be in the podiatric field stems from a wish to be a medical provider that doesn't just treat conditions, but prevents them, and recognizes systemic problems early on. I've learned how important the field of pathology and diagnostic testing is in all aspects of podiatry, like grading skin cancers, confirming myopathies, and of course, helping to diagnose early-stage neuropathy. I look forward to working more closely with Bako during my clinical years, residency, and future practice, and I am truly honored to receive your support.

This scholarship provides meaningful financial assistance, but it also reinforces my commitment to making the most out of my podiatric education. I plan to use this support to help fund my travels to future externships and conferences. The Bako Foundation's investment in podiatric education has a lasting impact, not only on students like me but also on the patients we will serve in the future.

Thank you for this incredible opportunity. I am grateful for your generosity and look forward to contributing to the field in a way that honors the mission of your foundation.

Sincerely,
Michelle Yang