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Alpha Psi Education, Scholarship, & Leadership Foundation, Inc.
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Dear Alpha Psi Education, Scholarship, and Leadership Foundation,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm for having the opportunity to be a candidate recipient for the John F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship. The professional and personal success I experience during the next 10 years will be one of the most important years in my life, full of growth, transformation and encapsulation of many dreams.

In the immediate future, my goal is to further enhance my clinical experience, become a pediatric pharmacist, and provide excellent care. I have yearned to provide for the pediatric population for as long as I can remember, stemming from my experience as a taekwondo junior instructor and high school involvement in "A Friend in Me," a club designed to bring a sense of normalcy and friendship to pediatric cancer patients. Inspired by both experiences, I actively sought for similar opportunities in my pharmacy journey, attending pediatric information sessions and community services events. Concurrently, I began to find a passion for teaching, whether it be patients, peers, or contributing to the education of other healthcare professionals. This led me to my long-term goal of becoming a residency program director.

In the next 10 years, I am committed to leading with a vision that prioritizes innovation and excellence in patient care. I aspire to contribute to the development and implementation of strategies that enhance medication safety, efficacy, and accessibility for children of all ages. My vision includes collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to create protocols that address the unique pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profiles of pediatric patients. By leveraging evidence-based practices and advancing technology, I aim to optimize therapeutic outcomes and improve the quality of life for our youngest and most vulnerable patients.

As a residency program director and preceptor, I intend to mentor and inspire future pediatric pharmacists, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in this specialized area of practice. By fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional development, I hope to cultivate a new generation of pharmacists who are passionate about pediatric care. I also plan to drive impactful change by advocating for policies that address the unique challenges faced by pediatric healthcare providers, promoting research that contributes to the advancement of pediatric pharmacy practice, and actively participating in community outreach initiatives to raise awareness about pediatric medication safety.

I strive to be a professional who inspires the next generation by pursuing my dreams with dedication and excellence. Over the next decade, I will remain committed to advancing pediatric care and motivating others to provide optimal patient-centered care. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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