



Hallie Waters

HOMETOWN: Boonville, IN

ACADEMIC YEAR: MS I

CAMPUS: Bloomington

EXPECTED GRADUATION: 2025

EDUCATION: B.S., Biology and Psychology,
University of Indianapolis, 2021

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

\$15,000

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Q&A with Hallie Waters

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Tell us about yourself.

I grew up in southern Indiana, and my family still lives in Boonville, IN, not too far outside of Evansville. My favorite things growing up included sports, reading, spending time with family, camping, hiking, and fishing. I played softball throughout high school and college; I was a pitcher at the University of Indianapolis and we had three great seasons (I played for four years, but one season was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID). In my free time I still really enjoy being outdoors, so I am very grateful to be placed at Bloomington where there is nature all around!

I am hoping my clinical years clarify what specialty I want to pursue, but I have always leaned towards primary care. I am interested in family medicine, pediatrics, and Med-Peds. I enjoy interacting with people, and I am extremely passionate about preventive medicine and overall wellness. I think these values will align with a career in primary care, where I can establish a trusting relationship with patients and advocate for their health in a holistic way.

What inspired you to study medicine?

I was actually inspired to study medicine at a pretty young age. I was very close with my grandparents growing up. They were our next-door neighbors and I would often “run away” from my house, across the yard to their house, just to spend more time with them. They both had some health issues, but my grandfather especially had dealt with a slew of physicians and healthcare teams. He had received both a heart and kidney transplant when I was younger, and seeing the impact that a good physician can have on not only a patient but their entire family was incredible. It was very hard on me when I lost both of my grandparents a few months apart to cancer, but I was solidified in my decision to pursue medicine after having seen how a good doctor can do so much for a patient, sometimes adding years of life that the patient and their family will cherish.

Why did you choose to attend IU School of Medicine?

I chose to attend IU School of Medicine for a number of reasons. One being I am from Indiana, and attending my state school was always my top choice of medical schools for many different personal reasons. Another reason was the size and reputation of IU School of Medicine. Since IU School of Medicine is so large, I knew my opportunities here would be endless. Despite being so expansive, IU School of Medicine faculty is accessible and compassionate. I also care about the community that I am in, and that extends to all Hoosiers. Training in an environment that best prepares me to care for the health of Indiana residents was appealing to me.

Who has been a role model for you?

I often say a role model for me has been my paternal grandmother, even if she did pass away when I was a teenager. She was extremely wise, she was one of the first in her family to attend college and one of the first women to receive a scholarship from the University of Evansville. Growing up, she was constantly reading and playing brain games, and I grew up with her as my blueprint for being a smart, educated and strong woman. Even without her here, I know enough about her character and personality to know she is who I want to emulate.

Why is receiving scholarship assistance important to you?

Receiving scholarship assistance is very beneficial to me - it acts as a stress-reliever and motivator to continue doing my best when medical school gets tough. I try not to think about the thousands of dollars I will be in debt after medical school, but sometimes it is hard not to think about what life will be like after finishing school. Any bit of aid that I receive is crucial to me, because that diminishes the debt I will have once I become a physician. I will also never want to base my choices off of financial incentives, and it is the unfortunate reality that primary care is on the lower end of the spectrum for physician pay. However, I am passionate about pursuing that path and whatever assistance I receive is a huge help. Receiving aid also reminds me that what we do is important – in the middle of our pre-clinical years, being a caring, empathetic physician seems so far away. However, this kind support from community members is a great reminder that all of my hard work will help serve a lot of people some day.

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