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### Why Attending College Is Important

When I was 13 years old, I went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic; I was surprised by the lack of hot water, inadequate plumbing, and the limited communications technology available to poor families and children. We stayed in an inexpensive hotel that had limited refrigeration and only basic cooking appliances. We were required to use bottle water, and our food choices were limited. This early experience helped me realize that many people don't have the advantages that I have at home in Maryland. When I wrote a thank you letter to my trip sponsors, I began to think that maybe I could help improve the living conditions in poor areas after attending college and majoring in engineering and technology.

I am a dually-enrolled student (senior) at Northwest High School in Germantown, MD and am also taking first year college classes at Montgomery Community College in Germantown, MD. I spent two years in our high school Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) program focusing my studies in the field of engineering. Through this program I have been able to integrate science and music through "spoken word" to write national award winning songs about the impact of climate change on our world, hearing loss from loud music, and the introduction of nano-microbots to attract college students to major in chemistry.

It is important for me to attend college because I want to give back to the community. As an engineering/technology major, I plan to help improve infrastructures and

communication systems to improve the quality of life for people and communities, both nationally and internationally. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 700 million people, worldwide, do not have access to adequate drinking water sources. Additionally, the World Economic Forum stated that, “More than 4 billion people, mostly in developing countries, still don’t have access to the internet”.

A degree in mechanical engineering will provide me the academic knowledge and skills I will need to help meet the challenges to help solve these types of problems. I have been accepted at several universities and wait-listed at other schools with respected engineering programs and other academic programs that I am interested in, I am excited to have the opportunity to choose. I have been offered partial scholarships that will provide money to help cover some of my school fees.

As a responsible teenager, I have been working as a technology intern at an IT business solutions firm since July, 2017. It is my goal to contribute financially to help pay for my college expenses. As the oldest of three, I want to set a good example for my siblings.

Learning about the commitment and history of the Capital Chippers Golf Club in providing financial support to students attending college, I am asking that your organization consider my application with those of others applying for scholarship assistance. Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to share more information with you if requested.