

National Indian Health Board Health Policy Fellowship



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2018-19 National Indian Health Board
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Hometown: Marlow, Oklahoma

Education: currently a Master of Public Health student at the University of Oklahoma

Through the Fellowship program, I hope I can build a relationship with my Tribal Council representatives and familiarize myself with the Tribal legislative process. I am also interested in learning more about how the Chickasaw Nation advocates for its people on a federal level.

I want to be a Health Policy Fellow, because I believe it will give me an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and to work in my community on a health issue that is important.

My long term goals: Pursue a PhD in Public Health and focus on Tribal health promotion.

Tips for success: Coming from a single parent home, I never imagined I would be able to afford college, let alone graduate college debt-free. In high school, I worked hard and applied for several scholarships. I was awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship (GMS). Thanks to GMS, I have achieved a lifelong dream of receiving my Bachelor's degree and am now well on my way to receiving my Master's degree.

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