



Ivan G. Palmblad Scholarship

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Senior

Few things about me:

I am an international student from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I am finishing my third year of college here at Utah State University, majoring in Public Health Education with a minor in Biology and Sociology. I plan on graduating in May 2016. After I graduate with my bachelors, I would like to pursue a masters degree in Microbiology of infectious diseases and/or Child and Maternal Health. I one day hope to become a very influential leader that makes a difference in the world, especially in underserved communities.

Utah State has provided me with the best education and service experiences which has immensely helped me to grow personally and professionally. Currently, I am working as an undergraduate lab assistant under Dr. Kropp in the Biology Department, working on fungal Phylogeny using molecular and microbiological techniques. Last year, I had the opportunity to work as an undergraduate researcher, under Dr. Hyduke in the Biological Engineering Department, working on the Spider Silk project. My freshman year, I volunteered at Dr. Bernhardt's Entomology lab, which has helped me greatly to get involved in research.

I am also currently working as an international student Ambassador in the Admissions office. My job entails sharing my Aggie experience with prospective students through campus tours and activities, and recruiting international students to the USU campus.

In addition to going to school full time and working, I am actively involved in different campus clubs and organizations. Currently, I am the Financial Chair of the International student Council (ISC), Vice President of African Student Association and a member of the USU UNICEF campus initiative club. Over all, my experience at USU the past few years has been wonderful and I am looking forward to my senior year in college.

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