



JAMES MOHR SCHOLARSHIP

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A few things about me:

My name is Jorgen Madsen, and I am finishing my third year of college here at Utah State University. My first year of college was spent at Southern Utah University where I originally majored in theater. Despite my love for the arts I found myself being drawn to my science classes and through my volunteering at the hospital and hospice I decided to change my major to biology to pursue pre-med interests. After my freshman year, I served a two year LDS mission in Antananarivo, Madagascar, and afterwards transferred to Utah State University. My involvement in groups, such as Eyes for Zimbabwe and the Madagascar Foundation, persuaded me to start the UNICEF club at Utah State. In the last three semesters we have raised over \$6,000, and this last October I attended a leadership conference in New York City where I was able to meet Caryl Stern, the CEO of UNICEF. I currently work as the lead animal technician for the Institute for Antiviral Research (IAR) and my personal research is on the comparison of column chromatography techniques on the purification of Influenza (H1N1) virus. This research is a branch between my work and the IAR as well as my involvement in UNICEF. I have presented my research at both the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research as well as the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Lexington, Kentucky. These last two years I have served as a T.A. for a human anatomy class and will also work as a T.A. for the human dissection class this fall. I have volunteered over 255 hours at Logan Regional Hospital, and have participated in the after school club and the pre-med club. I will take my MCAT this May and look forward to applying to medical school this summer. My hope is to get accepted to medical school and pursue my interests in fields including infectious diseases and “doctors without borders.” I am excited to see where life leads me.

