



*JOHN R. SIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP*

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A few things about me:

I was born and raised in Logan, Utah, and graduated as the 2009 Logan High School Valedictorian and Student Body Vice President. After the completion of a two-year LDS mission in the Helsinki Finland Mission, I returned to Utah State to continue studies as a Biology student with a passion for language learning. After initially becoming fluent in the Finnish language, I have since obtained a moderate fluency in Spanish and have enjoyed an American Sign Language course as well. These language abilities have proved useful during my employment with Logan Regional hospital, working at the front desk to accept patients into the Emergency Room.

Late nights are spent in the hospital, while daytime hours are filled completing research in the "Spider Silk" lab on campus, as well as volunteering as an assistant High School wrestling coach. I hope to one day work as a Pediatric Oncologist and will be applying to medical school this summer, granted my months of studying for the MCAT pay off. Any bit of time remaining is spent with my new wife, Whitney, and my family playing golf, tennis, cards, long distance running or watching USU sporting events. Whitney and I plan to spend summer 2015 in Spain with one of Utah State's study abroad programs.

