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Scholarships– the Perfect Equation for Funding Education

“Scholarships mean that I get to pursue a higher education. If it wasn’t for all of the financial aid I’ve received, I’m sure that I (and many other students) would never get the opportunity to attend college,” said Forest Rowley.

The sophomore receives the Virgil and Irene O. Hodges Scholarship, the John Marshall Scholarship, Honors College Scholarship and the PROMISE Scholarship.

“I get the opportunity to better myself, pursue a career and grow closer with my Marshall family,” he said with great thanks to donors.

As a mathematics major, Forest hopes to further his education at a masters or doctorate level, upon his graduation. He believes the math department offers great opportunities to students to expand their knowledge.

“I was lucky enough to travel to Greensboro, North Carolina, with other math majors that were presenting their research at a conference with a professor. I was able to see many students from around the country that were doing research on many different topics,” Forest said. “It was an experience that has made me excited to look for the opportunity to do research in my future.”

He looks forward to studying differential equations, as the applications in this area are found everywhere.

Outside of his studies, Forest is a member of Marshall Ascenders, a club dedicated to the promotion of a positive and supportive environment of wellness. They strive to promote group exercise through rock climbing.

After visiting campus and falling in love with its splendor, the Barboursville, West Virginia, native knew it was the right place for him to study. He enjoys walking around campus because it seems to come alive. His favorite spot is the Memorial Fountain due to the constant activity.

Forest hopes that Marshall’s Huntington campus continues to flourish.

“The president talked about some plans the university has to grow in Huntington, and I am excited to see that,” he remarks, acknowledging that alumni’s help can make a difference.

“Alumni don’t have to give back. They aren’t obligated to and there would be no shame in not. They paid their bills just like everyone else attending, but it means the world to every student that benefits,” explained Forest. “There are so many students that wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for the donors, and I’m sure Marshall wouldn’t have access to as many resources without them.”

“My scholarships mean everything to me. Without them, I wouldn’t be able to attend college. I’m so thankful for the donors who give people like me a chance to attend college. I want to continue the cycle one day and give back to students like me.”



Fun Facts:

Class of 2021

Major:
Mathematics

Hometown:
Huntington, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:
Textbooks

Favorite Color:
Blue

Favorite thing about Huntington:
Huntington is a great area. There’s always something to do somewhere as long as you’re willing to look. I like visiting Pullman Square—there’s a theater, some great places to eat and there is live music, depending on the time of the year.