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Sigma Nu Scholarship Essay

Sigma Nu has given me opportunities I never thought I would have. Not only has it given me the cliché opportunity to be part of something bigger than myself, but it has also given me the chance to make lifelong friendships, serve in the community, and strive to better not only myself, but everyone around me. However, the greatest opportunity Sigma Nu has given me is the chance to develop into a leader.

From the moment I was able to, I knew I wanted to be in a leadership position. I knew I wanted to be part of the decisions that would ultimately lead to bettering this young chapter. I first served as Historian. This was a great opportunity to see and understand the ins and outs of Sigma Nu's executive board and its processes. It was because of this experience that I learned my dream position of Chaplain. My desire to be Chaplain earned me the right to travel with other officers and perspective officers to Lexington for Sigma Nu Institutes. Here I was granted the opportunity to learn about the position before I was elected. It was a great experience to meet brothers from other chapters and to hear their chapters' approach to brotherhood development. To me, there was nothing better than being the person in charge of bettering and strengthening the brotherhood, something every chapter could benefit from.

I have been a member of organizations throughout my life. I have been on sports teams and in clubs but I never had the desire to be a leader in these groups. But when I joined Sigma Nu, I knew from the start that I wanted to be a leader. This change came because of the great brotherhood that had already begun in Eta Beta. The brothers wanted to develop leaders throughout the candidate process, and this idea really resonated with me. I, for once, didn't want to be just another member. I wanted to be a leader for this group. Coming out of my shell as easily as I did showed me that I made the right decision in joining.

Before Sigma Nu, I was shy and reserved. With my newfound support system, I was able to come out of my shell and develop my voice. I previously sat back while others made the decisions and I would just go along with it. Now, I speak up when I have an opinion and I feel that my opinion carries weight amongst the brotherhood.

Though I may not have the highest GPA of my fellow applicants, I believe I am deserving of this scholarship because there is no one who will work harder to show thanks for this opportunity. I have a strong academic record to this point, and I plan to continue this. I have aspirations to become a physical therapist one day and it's because of this that I have worked as hard as I have so far. With this scholarship, I would be one step closer to achieving my goal, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered.