Being chosen as a Tournament of Friendship Scholarship recipient back in 2015 has given me so much confidence. At that time, I had recently just started at Michigan State University as a Freshman and I was very scared of what things would be like for the next four years. College classes were more difficult than high school and I was not quite used to it. Finishing up my freshman year, I already improved with my academic and social skills, and that is when I received the Tournament of Friendship Scholarship. I applied for it thinking there was no way a new college student like me could win, but I did and it helped me value myself more.

I attended the golf outing for the scholarship that summer and felt right at home. Everyone was very nice and appreciative of me being there. I have never really had a moment of pure happiness with my education skills until then. From there on, it helped me financially and academically. I pushed even harder with my education and ventured out a lot more than I would have when I first started. The scholarship drove me to work as hard as I could, and I have been on the Dean's List at least four times since I received this scholarship and my GPA has never been better. I have strived to put in my best effort and improve my grades and knowledge. I just recently was accepted into the Ingham County Juvenile Probation Internship Program for next fall semester. Being a Juvenile Probation Officer or Caseworker has always been a dream of mine and I finally get to pursue this path through this internship and hopefully after graduation. I graduate in December of 2018 and hopefully will begin my journey working in juvenile justice.

Being a recipient of the Tournament of Friendship scholarship was the big push I needed as a freshman in college. It gave me confidence as a student and helped me financially so that I did not have to worry about the small stuff. This scholarship was very important to me and I am very appreciative of all who made this award possible.

Sincerely,

Calli Feier
2015 Recipient