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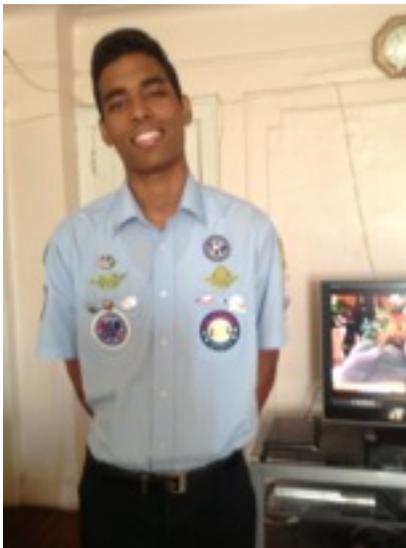
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### ESSAY

Having been born in an immigrant family, life was never trouble free. Life was even tougher because of my family's documentation in the United States. We weren't able to enjoy the same pleasures as those with green cards. For example, we weren't able to visit our native country of Bangladesh. Although I have never been to Bangladesh, I have heard stories about how the people there suffer from illnesses and diseases.



Poverty has long prevented the poor from obtaining proper treatment, thus leading to worse diseases and conditioning. It's unfair for people in poverty suffer because of their status in the world. I can relate to this issue because of my mom and her undocumented status. Even though my dad obtained some documentation such as work authorization and social security, my mother however was not as fortunate. Because she didn't have any documentation, she could not apply for Medicaid. She avoided going to the hospital when she got sick, because she could not afford to pay the bills. She insisted that she was okay every time, and always would joke how she was a strong woman like Wonder Woman. However, on the inside, I knew she was lying. I was frustrated that my mother had to go through this, and felt helpless because I could not do anything to help her.

My dream is to offer free aid to the less unfortunate, and to put smiles on their faces. In order to meet this goal, I want to become a doctor who helps the world, for both citizens and illegal immigrants. Some people might want to become a doctor because of the title or the money; however, for me it is only about saving lives. Ever since I was a child, I have always loved to help people such as volunteering in my neighborhood mosque and in a community organization named SAYA. I plan to major in Biology to understand how the human body works and operates, to have a better understanding of how to heal people, to continue to grow on my medical journey and help many others.

