

## *“I Want to Help the Next ‘Me’ Out There ...”*

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“I grew up in rural Michigan, in Menominee. My dad died after my first semester of medical school, and I had no money. I made it through on loans — I didn’t qualify for scholarships. I told myself at the time that when I could, I wanted to help the next ‘me’ out there, and make it a little bit easier.

“My loans are paid off now, and I’ve begun to fund a \$5,000 named scholarship. I named it after my father, Kenneth James Sobeski, who was a foundry worker. I think he’d like that.”

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