



Thompson-Patch
Scholarship Fund

Helping Students Dreams Come True

Ayan Muhumed 2018 Awardee

High School: West Salem High School



College and year: Portland State University, Senior

How has college been for you?

I am excited to be close to graduation. The first year was difficult until I found help through TRIO student support services. I am serving an internship with Catholic Charities affordable housing as a part of my Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work, with a minor in Civic Leadership.

What do you do for fun?

I tutor kids, read, but don't have much time for that while in school, and to relieve stress I cook and clean. A favorite memory is hiking in Silver Creek Falls State Park and seeing all the waterfalls.

What are your plans after graduation?

I plan to go to graduate school but also need to work to help my family and community.

What activities are you in at PSU?

I helped at the school food pantry pre COVID and am now a peer mentor through TRIO.

What would you like people to know about you and your family?

I was born in a refugee camp in Ethiopia and have been in this country for only 10 years. I am the first female of my family to go to college. I want to set an example for my brothers and sisters and my community.

How did the Thompson Patch Scholarship help you?

Your scholarship was a critical help, I purchased a laptop computer that I am using today.

What advice do you have for students who are graduating from High School?

Don't be afraid, there are people and programs available to help you. Apply for scholarships, talk to people in your classes and others. Learn about resources that are available. While it may be hard and intimidating, it is worth extending yourself.





Helping Students Dreams Come True

Dear:

For the past 26 years, the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund has helped students of color in the Salem-Keizer area to achieve their dreams to go to college or trade school. With your donations, we have given scholarships to nearly 300 young scholars.

All Thompson-Patch scholars have overcome major hardships in their life. They are resilient. They are passionate. They are driven to serve others. And they know education is the key to their future.

Will you help us make more student dreams come true?

Consider a donation of \$250 or whatever you can afford. Every dollar you give will go to help a deserving student.

Ayan came from a refugee camp in Ethiopia to Salem. Our scholarship gave her hope and help to forge a new life in a new land!

Many more students need your help.

Thank you for supporting our youth.



*Helping Students of Color from Salem
for more than 25 years*

