

# Introductory Blog Post



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Greetings from the University Scholarships and Fellowships office. My name is Samantha Ward and I am one of the new Student Support Staff members for USF. If you happen to be passing through the new 110 suite in Linton Hall, you may stumble upon me.

As a first year sophomore undergraduate here at MSU, I am continuing on the family legacy of attending Michigan State. I am fourth generation Spartan. Majoring in the Communities and Cultures track of Professional Writing with a specialization in Public Relations is a mouthful but I promise it's a really cool, marketable program. I hope to receive my Bachelor of Arts in three years from Michigan State, and then continue into the workforce doing communications work, hopefully in the nonprofit sector. My volunteer activities and experience with nonprofits in high school through a group called the Youth



Action Committee made me adore working with organizations that strive to make a difference, and I would love to continue into that as a professional. I bring a very diverse work experience to the table, with positions varying from Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center Banquet Server, to Archiving Specialist at an airport engineering company, to Ingham County Health Department Tobacco Sting Program Student Decoy - you can come in and ask me about that one because it is an extremely interesting topic.

I was born and raised in Bath, MI, just north of the Greater Lansing area, where I graduated from high school as valedictorian in June 2014. Since then, I have made the short move to East Lansing where I am now living in the dorms - a glamorous life of eating soft serve ice cream for breakfast and walking to community bathrooms in the dark of night. When I'm not studying in the Brody cafe, or watching movies with my floormates, I help out the Professional Writing program's Design and Social Media Teams, as well as host high school students for the Day at State Program.

I am incredibly excited to be working with University Scholarships and Fellowships, and cannot wait to integrate myself into the team. I look forward to meeting you all as I continue to learn about supporting students through Scholarships and Fellowships.

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