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## Beauty company rewards women of color

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Beauty products over the years have helped many students with their skin care needs, but now AMBI Skincare, a brand of Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company, is providing financial help to students as well.

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AMBI is rewarding five outstanding women of color with \$10,000 toward pursuing a career in the fields of science and medicine for tuition in any nationwide accredited science or medicine program.

Tanya Amin, a 26-year-old Florida State University medical student from Daytona Beach, was chosen as one of the five winners nationwide for the annual AMBI Scholarship in Science and Medicine.

Amin hopes to work as a family physician in underserved communities in Florida.

She is particularly interested in serving minority women throughout all stages of pregnancy and even in becoming their children's pediatrician.

As an undergraduate student at FSU, she created Total Health and Empowerment for Ladies of Color (THE LOC), a minority women's peer health education group.

"In the future, I hope to continue my work with this organization, expanding it to more college campuses," said Amin.

Amin first heard about the scholarship through the office of financial aid for the College of Medicine.

She plans to use her scholarship winnings for tuition purposes, as her overall goal is to graduate debt free since she plans to serve underserved communities upon completion of her residency.

Amin said the scholarship gives winners the opportunity to appreciate their accomplishments.

"This also gives you the opportunity to take a step back and acknowledge the goals that you have accomplished that may be taken for granted or you never take the time to pat yourself on the back for," Amin said.

Launched in 2008, the AMBI Scholarship in Science and Medicine aims to raise awareness of the contribution of minority women to these fields in

which they are underrepresented, while offering financial support to continue their education.

Denna Singleton, AMBI Brand product director, explained how each award recipient is selected.

The scholarship is open to African-American and Hispanic women, aged 21 or older, who are U.S. residents and plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary school to study math or science.

There is also an essay requirement with specific criteria, according to Singleton.

"Candidates are asked to submit an essay outlining their unique story that has motivated them to pursue a career in science or medicine," said Singleton.

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