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My name is Jeremiah Thomas, a recipient of the Sterner Grant and current student at North Park University. This grant from the CCM has impacted me in more ways that I can even comprehend if I can answer honestly. It is a known fact of how expensive schooling can be, and how for those financial reasons, a lot of potential scholars has had their journey cut short due to those circumstances. I come from a supportive family and haven't had to face extreme hardships growing up, despite that, my parents have conditioned me to be proactive and look for scholarships to help aid in my tuition fees to teach me the importance of gaining education with as little debt as possible; the Sterner Grant was one of those scholarships that my parents encouraged me to apply for. Now in my final year of college, I can't imagine where I would be schooling wise if I didn't have it. I am extremely grateful as I am studying to become a history teacher, though very few people can escape loans and debt, I understand that I am in a very favorable position compared to a lot of other people, and that is because of this grant. I thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart.