

From the Desk of...

10 Sept 74

Oscar Phillips

Dear Doctor,

Glad you found the material I sent you of interest.

Now I want you to do me a favor. Oscar, my son, is taking his MCAT exam in October and will start applying for entry into medical school in November. We need your recommendation.

The way it works at Yale, the letters of recommendation are sent to the director of the pre-med office and sends copies of each letter to the different schools where the student applies. The director attests as to the authenticity of the copy. In that manner, the person trying to help the student only has to write one letter instead of several.

I am enclosing a sheet telling a little of his background and also where to send the letter. If you would, write the letter in the next few days and if you know anyone else who might write one at your behest, it may help.

One more thought. I am sending you a copy of a letter sent me by Rodolfo Arredondo of Texas Tech. You may want to write him. If you can, return that letter to me when you are finished with it. I have also corresponded with Dr. George Margolis, M.D. of Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire. He is in the department of pathology but might be able weild influence. He knows about Oscar. Oscar applied for the undergraduate school back in 1972. In an article Dr. Margolis wrote for a medical publication, he decried the lack of Chicanos in the Dartmouth Medical school. Apparently, he is on the staff. If ther is anything you do not understand, call me collect and I will try to un-confuse you..

Best wishes
Oscar

Texas Tech University School of Medicine

P.O. Box 4569 Lubbock, Texas 79409 Phone (806) 742-0111

25 January 1974

Mr. Oscar Phillips
P. O. Box 1908
Victoria, Texas 77901

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Thank you for inquiring about Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

The university is very receptive toward Chicano applicants. After reviewing the courses which Oscar has completed at such a highly rated institution, I would strongly recommend that he take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) the next time it is offered. Oscar can apply for admission to several schools of his choice (hopefully, this one included) upon completion of his junior year. If he should not be accepted he can always continue until he receives a baccalaureate degree and then reapply. A selected number of students of his caliber are admitted to medical schools before they receive their degree. Presently, we have 3 or 4 students that fall in this category.

Financial assistance has not been a problem at this school yet. Our students have been able to finance their education through loans, grants and scholarships which are awarded through our financial aide office.

In applying to any medical school, one should apply one year in advance, therefore, Oscar should apply as soon as the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) is ready to start processing applications in March or April, 1974.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Bulletin, which contains information about application, as well as addresses to AMCAS and MCAT.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you in the future.

Yours truly,



Rodolfo Arredondo, M. Ed.
Coordinator for Health Career
Development

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Enclosure

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
1315 BRIGHT
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78405

PHONES:
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September 21, 1974

Re: Oscar I. Phillips
502 N. Victoria Street
Victoria, Texas 77901

Director, Yale University
Pre-Medical Office
110 SSS Grove and Prospect Streets
1604A Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Sir;

I am very pleased in recommending Mr. Oscar I. Phillips to your Medical College or any other college in the United States. I have had the pleasure of knowing him and his family for more than twenty five years. His mother worked for me as a nurse and as a receptionist for more than six years. His father is an outstanding business and civic leader in South Texas for all of his life.

I am enclosing a copy of his biography and you will find that he has distinguished himself quite well at his young age. I hope that he is able to gain admission to a fine medical school. He is sincerely interested in the poor and sick. He is dedicated to his profession. More than that, he is bilingual and bi-cultural and I hope that after he receives his Doctor of Medicine degree that he comes back to the Southwest where we have great need of such doctors.

I have been practicing medicine for 35 years and I have observed and known the Phillips family for all of these years. At times like today, I know that you will agree with me that the ideals of our profession and our country will be well served by such young professionals as Oscar.

Again, thank you for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely yours,


Hector P. Garcia, M.D.

Oscar I. Phillips, 502 N. Victoria St., Victoria, Texas, Age- 20yrs

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Phillips of Victoria, Texas. Mr. Phillips is an insurance agent.

Now attending Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut. Oscar is in his Junior Year following a pre-med curriculum.

Has applied to several schools for admission to medical school. Wants to be a physician and surgeon.

A scholar- was a member of the Honor Society during his high school years and was offered a scholarship by Texas A & M and Boston University (In fields other than medicine). He Graduated Cum Laude of his high school in Victoria, Texas.

Industrious- has held a summer job since he was 14 years old. In addition carried a newspaper route (the local daily) the last two years in high school.

Dedicated- decided in his freshman year in high school he wanted to be a doctor and has never wavered from that goal.

Personality- quiet, unassuming but perseveres in his work. Has determination, does not smoke or drink, and has a clean record.

Early background - was a boy scout, active in 4-H Club work where he won many honors as a public speaker- played Little League Baseball; high school football.

Has two sisters and a younger brother. His sister is also pursuing a pre-med career also. Completed eight years of Christian Doctrine instruction (evening classes).

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