

## Lydia Pearson: Scholarship Recipient



*My name is Lydia Pearson and I am pursuing my MSW at the OU-Tulsa campus. I am currently employed with the Tulsa Housing Authority and work as a service coordinator at the Sandy Park apartments. I grew up overseas in East Africa and was exposed to poverty and social injustice from a very young age. Through these experiences, as well as an internship with a non-profit for the homeless in Dallas, I have grown more passionate about finding ways to empower individuals and communities to thrive. I am still unclear about an exact career path when I graduate, but am currently educating myself on race relations and am interested in the revival of low income communities. I'm excited to see where these passions will lead and am grateful to OU for helping me reach my goals.*