

1. Fulbright is trying to avoid making false positives. They do not wish to accept an individual who would not succeed in the university. Fulbright would much rather accept a candidate who has proven their worth as a student than take a chance of time and money on an individual who has not.
2. I think Fulbright acknowledges Hugh's possibility for success, but being a school renowned for its high standards, had other applicants who had the same credentials as Hugh and scored higher on the admission test. Schools known for having high standards generally have the best of the best applying to get in. I feel this is the case Fulbright has and even after the recommendations Hugh has, there were others who better fit the openings the school offers.
3. I think that a personal experience should be a factor in determining acceptance. Personal experiences show that the applicant has dedication to the field in which they wish to pursue. The more dedication one has towards the field, the more likely it is the person will study hard and obtain good grades. Knowledge isn't everything without a burning desire to continue growth.
4. If I were on the admissions committee, I would look at the applicants test scores, undergrad classes, and letters of recommendation. Knowledge of the medical field is important if one wishes to become a doctor. With high test scores, one shows a pre-existing knowledge of the subject matter a doctor would be required to know. The course work done in undergrad school shows an interest and attempt to move forward into the profession. And letters of

recommendation show that the applicant has proven himself to a few individuals that they want to succeed.

5. I do not think Hugh's plea to be given a chance to prove himself is unreasonable. I think the time, money, and openings play a big role in the decision making of a university to accept a student. I think that the selection method universities use does the best job possible of selecting candidates. If universities were to open a trial period, most, but not all, of the students enrolled in the trail would fail to meet university standards. It would also limit the number of students being enrolled into the university that meet their standards because more openings would be needed than can be produced. Even thou I feel Hugh's plea is reasonable, I do not think Fulbright should abandon its acceptance policies.