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Slovak – American Society of Washington DC

City University of Seattle in Bratislava

Bratislava, 81104

A thank you letter

Dear anyone concerned at Slovak – American Society of Washington DC,

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship donation. I was honoured to hear you have accepted my proposal and feel very appreciative for receiving this opportunity to finish my studies.

Your donation allows me to finance the rest of my tuition myself and unburdens my family from a significant financial baggage in the upcoming academic year, for which I am very grateful. I will now fully concentrate on learning instead of worrying about paying for my tuition.

I am currently one trimester away from finishing my second year at City University of Seattle. I am at a point where I feel I have committed too much to give up, yet there is still a lot of work to be done. This is a university I have grown to like a lot and it means a great deal for me to be able to finish my Bachelor's degree in about two years. I not only value the prospects of landing a better job but also the significance of educating oneself at the highest level.

Recently I have been applying for part-time jobs at finance department at a technological company as I intend to enter the world of finance and business already during my studies. I want to set myself up for the best career possible once I graduate from university.

I promise that I will use this opportunity to the best of my ability, educating myself with maximum effort and interest and make valuable use of this donation. I will always remember your help in the most difficult time of my life, and I hope that one day I will also be able to forward your help to whoever in need. I know now how it feels when you have no chance to influence the course of destiny you have to face.

Yours sincerely,

Sebastian Vacval

29th of June, 2022
Slovak American Society of Washington D.C.
P.O. Box 2502
Springfield Virginia 22152-2502

Dear respected American Society of Washington, D.C.,

I am writing this letter to express my deepest gratitude and to express how thankful I am for the (SASW) scholarship in the amount of 696,70 euros. I was thrilled and grateful to learn that I had been chosen to receive your scholarship.

Thus, the scholarship is significant for me and definitely, it is a huge help. I am a student that loves business and management, as well as learning new skills, theories, and important lecture lessons at the City University of Seattle. However, I am currently fighting Lyme disease, making my life harder. My immune system is very low, and I have other health complications caused by Lyme disease, such as trouble walking, weak hands and legs, fatigue, and very low energy. For the past 2 years, I was fighting the Lyme and trying to get back on my feet as well as trying to help my mom with financial issues. I teach English and write essays for students and friends to earn money. Despite the circumstances I am not giving up, my goal is to get a degree and become a great manager. Thanks to your scholarship I am one step closer to my goal.

Therefore, by giving me the (SASW) scholarship, the weight of the financial aspect has been lightened, which allows me to focus more on my studies and my health. Your kindness motivates me to help others, try harder and become the best version of myself. I truly believe that one day I will be able to help students in their hard times and make their goals and dreams become true just as you helped me.

Yours sincerely,

Kristína Mogyoródiová

To: Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C.

From: Lucia Jakubíková

Re: SASW Scholarship

Date: June 30, 2022

Dear Sirs, Madams,

It is a great honor for me to be chosen for the scholarship provided by the Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. I am writing to thank you for your financial support that will make a huge difference in the current situation my family and I are facing.

I am a business student at the City University of Seattle where I have just recently finished my second year of studies. For about three months, I have been working as a marketing intern at a pharmaceutical company MSD, in the US and Canada known as Merck. I am pleased to tell you that I am very passionate and enthusiastic about the work I do and I am more than dedicated enough to pursue my career goals from now on.

In terms of my career plans for the future, I would like to learn as much as possible from the people I work with closely here at MSD. It is time to grow professionally and to take advantage of everything I have learned so far. My university has provided me with a lot of knowledge and skills, and guided me onto the right path. A year ago, my vision was still unclear and I am proud of the progress I have made and where I am now.

Even though there is a long journey and a lot to learn I am glad I am on the right path with an enthusiastic mindset which is what will help me along the way when facing challenges and overcoming them. A few years from now, I see myself broadening my horizons somewhere abroad with the same purpose, help to save peoples' lives.

Receiving this scholarship is a source of motivation for me to maintain my GPA and finish my studies at CityU. I so much appreciate that your organization cares about young people and helps them achieve their goals. You have definitely helped me achieve mine.

Thank you so much for your support.

Kind regards,

Lucia Jakubíková

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Douglas Hyde and I have been studying at VŠM/CityU in Slovakia since Fall 2015/16. I believe I am the ideal candidate for the opportunity to receive the Slovak – American Society of Washington D.C. Scholarship for the 2022/2023 academic year. The amount offered would not only go directly to help fund the balance of my own journey at VŠM/CityU, but would indirectly ease the personally strain to support my children’s educational development.

I am a mature student, an inspiring teacher, but most importantly, the married father of three fantastic kids, each with a unique personality that I would hope one day to be able to support in their life ambitions. In the meantime, as they sprout up, our small rented council flat has been squeezing us spatially, therefore I am attempting to build a new home to provide some individual room for their growth and academic demands.

Upon moving to Slovakia, I had an opportunity to leave the hospitality industry where I had been employed, to become a Conversational English teacher at a local state high school. However, after an inspection in my first year I was told that in order to continue teaching in this wonderful job, I must have a university degree – an opportunity that had not been possible in my native home. The school recommended a “fast” degree in agriculture as it was in English however, I decided on VŠM/CityU even though the tuition was more than my wage from the school, yet I understood a BSBA would serve me and my family better for the future. I also picked up extra private English lessons, and started local youth summer camps just to cover the costs, which have needed me to work six days a week - morning to night - ever since. I have never regretted enrolling into VŠM/CityU with its many supportive administrative staff, instructors, and mentors, however it does come with a lot of indirect costs – both personally and financially. Nobody warned me of the hidden costs of distance learning with all the cancelled private income and extra fuel expenses just from picking up physical course books and doing exams 60kms away. Then there is the guilty weight on my shoulders missing family time because of finalising deadlines for three different courses each semester.

Since the second year, I was forced to pause, and/or reduce my studies due to these financial and personal reasons, such as the unchecked anxiety and mental health issues (from study), the pandemic, and the loss of my dear father, who was extremely proud of me for going to university; something he was unable to do in his time.

Last November, I was informed/advised that I needed to complete my degree as the window of my program plan was closing. The pressure mounted to make a decision, and my fear of dropping out would not only mean losing my chance to teach at the state school, a place I call my hobby where students are enrolling because of me, but also to be what I strive to become – someone who simply chose to want a better life. Not just for myself as a face for other potential mature students, or for my many young students seeking guidance for their future academic goals, but mostly for my children's education. This is where my money goes. Education is vital, and being a role model is costly.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Douglas Hyde

Student ID: 30113221

Slovak American Society of Washington D.C.

P.O. Box 2502

Springfield Virginia 22152-2502

Dear Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C,

I feel extremely honored for getting the opportunity to further advance in my studies and pursue the BSBA degree at the City University of Seattle, due to your generous contribution in the form of SASW scholarship. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in me, giving me the chance to do what I love, and taking a lot of weight off my shoulders.

Little something about me, my name is Petra Drozdova, and I am 23 years old. This year is my fourth year of pursuing the BSBA degree at City University of Seattle. My studies got a bit prolonged, due to several health related surgeries. I did my best to keep my GPA above 3.00, currently standing at 3.06. I recently found a job that is flexible enough to accommodate my health problems, and even though it consists of a lot of administrative tasks, I already have bigger plans for the future. I am so happy I chose CityUniversity as my college, since now it opens endless doors in the professional world. Years down the line I would love to work in another country where I can use English on a daily basis, and have my own department I would be in charge of. Right now I am focusing on becoming a financial manager.

In my free time, I love to dance and spend time with my dog Zara. Before the health issues came, I was dancing several times a week, going to competitions, shows, even teaching dance classes of my own. I still take dance classes, but my health does not allow me to take it to the professional level anymore. On the other hand it is also an advantage, because it leaves more time to spend with Zara.

Being a child of parents who did not finish university and came from less fortunate financial backgrounds did not make up for the most supportive environment, but thanks to my grandma helping me to take care of the fees, I got the push I needed and each step felt really rewarding. Thank you so much for becoming a part of my small support system, I will be forever grateful for your investment in my future.

Sincerely,

Petra Drozdova

Vysoká škola manažmentu
Panónska cesta 17
851 04, Bratislava

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your generosity in funding the scholarship. I am very honored to be the recipient of this award from Slovak American Society of Washington, DC.

This year, I finished my fourth year at Vysoká škola manažmentu / City university of Seattle in Bratislava. My GPA is 3.59 and I earned 60 credits by taking classes which I deemed important for my growth and professional progress. Due to personal reasons, I was facing difficulties in arranging the fees for my course. But because of your help I will be able continue my studies, obtaining necessary knowledge and achieving master's degree.

If all goes according to my plans, by the end of June 2023 I will have obtained master's degree at which point I aim to start my own event agency. My main focus of this agency would be weddings and all wedding-related activities. I also have many other business ideas in my head, which I hope to transfer into the reality.

Without your kind contribution, it would not have been possible for me to realize my dreams. Once again I thank you for your donation towards Vysoká škola manažmentu / City university of Seattle and investing in my future. I will always be grateful to you.

Thank you for you support.

Sincerely,

Michaela Bartóková
1.7. 2022, Bratislava

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Subject: Thank You Letter

Date: 6th July 2022

Dear SASW,

I would like to take this opportunity and thank you very much for choosing me to receive The scholarship offered by the Slovak American Society of Washington, D. C. in the amount of 696,70 EUR.

I am twenty-four years old mother of two children at the age of three and one and at the same time, I am studying Business Management at your institution. I am entering the last year of my studies as well as finishing my maternity leave, and after that I am planning to get employed in the field of economics, probably as an accountant. Thanks to this scholarship I am able to complete my studies, so your decision is much appreciated.

Best regards,

Tereza Pagacova

Dear Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C.:

I am honored to be the recipient of the Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity that will allow me to continue pursuing my MBA degree at City University of Seattle, Bratislava.

In fall, I am entering my second year of master studies and this prestigious scholarship will allow me to focus on my school as I plan to achieve my future professional goals. The program is challenging but the financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying educational expenses. I need to thank our university and teachers for giving me the opportunity to receive education that will help me make my mark on the business industry.

Receiving SASW Scholarship motivates me to work hard and continue pursuing my personal and career development. I am very thankful I have a chance to prove that it is all worth it. Good work ethics and determination play a part in this success. I enjoy working as a creative person and see that our school contributed greatly to my professional knowledge with our marketing and business classes. My goal is to continue getting better at what I do so that I make myself and my family proud.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I am grateful for SASW Scholarship and look forward to the new life and career challenges ahead with your help!

Kind regards

Lenka Stachová