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Dear generous donors of the 2016-2017 University Women's Club of Montreal  
Bursary,

As the recent recipient of this highly felicitous grant, I would like to express my genuine and unbounded gratitude for the tremendous support you have provided me through the means of this Bursary. Being a government aid beneficiary as well, your award strikes an even more personal cord with me. Though I already know that my words will not be sufficient to thank you, I only hope they can offer a morsel of the appreciation that I feel.

Over the course of both my academic and work career, I have had the opportunity to rigorously study the human brain, as well as the language faculty which is solely specific to our species. Having initially completed a bachelor's degree in Psychology at Université de Montréal, I had had the chance to explore not only human cognition, emotions, and behaviour, as well as research methods and writing skills, but also to develop great empathy towards others. Later on, this compassion allowed me to help others in need at my workplace, wherein I am the first respondent to people in crisis situations. Having briefly glanced at the human language faculty during my years in Psychology, and being the constantly avid learner, I also knew that I would have to delve into this facet of cognitive science even more. Hence, this led me to complete a second bachelor's degree, this time in Honours Linguistics, where I not only excelled academically, but also socially through my involvement in tutoring my peers and becoming teachers' assistant. This generous award that you have attributed me has encouraged me in countless ways, not only rewarding me in recognizing my many hours of labour, but also in helping me maintain my focus on my full-time studies.

I now look forward to successfully completing my degree this academic year, then taking a gap year in order to gain experience in a cognitive science laboratory, as well as traveling. In the near future, I plan to further pursue my studies and combine my knowledge of both Psychology and Linguistics in a harmonious way. In order to do so, my intention is to apply to the doctorate in Psychology or Psycholinguistics, either in a french or english institution. My ultimate goal would be to conduct research on the human mind, yet also practice in a clinic and help people who are in emotional distress.

I would like to thank you once again for your altruistic support in my future endeavours. In turn, I will ensure to bring your benevolent gift and encouragement to fruition, by helping society in my own way.

Most Sincerely,

Annie Taskiran