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University Women's Club of Montreal Bursary Financial Aid and Award Office, GM-230 Montreal, Qc

Dear donors of the University Women's Club of Montreal Bursary,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude towards your generosity as this award greatly helps relieving some of my financial burdens and it is most appreciated.

As a student who lives alone, it has been quite challenging financially for me to attend my studies full time. Because my priorities are my education and my art, I often have to make difficult choices in terms of how I use the little money I have. As an art student, I usually go for ambitious projects and try to take advantage of the great facilities Concordia offers, however I often lack the funds to do so and find myself having to compromise between investing in my education and art or paying bills.

As I was considering switching from part time to full time studies, most people advised me I should wait until my situation changes as it would be a wiser financial decision. Despite popular advice, I chose to take the hard road; which is why this award means so much to me. Not only do I consider it as a reward for my perseverance but it also serves as an encouragement in pursuing my endeavors. It is an additional honor to be a recipient of University Women's Club of Montreal Bursary, as I believe women are often at a disadvantage in our society and it is important for the community to support and empower its women in various ways.

My current goal is to be admitted in the Art Education Specialization, which would allow me to teach Art in schools. I also plan on using my artistic abilities to take part in activism and work in non-profit community based organizations or projects. I am also interested in extending my studies in Studio Arts as well as in Sustainability and Diversity.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. In turn, I hope one day to be in a financial situation that allows me to donate funds towards rewarding persevering students, as I know from experience it is both highly needed and appreciated by students.

Sincerely.

Chloe Corbeil Dragffy