



David H. Turpin, president and vice-chancellor, with students

The Name of Award

A note of thanks from Student Award Recipient

Hello, my name is _____, and I am the recipient of the _____. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and support — I truly appreciate it. As an international student, your scholarship is the reason I'm able to attend the University of Alberta.

I've always been interested in the arts, especially the performing arts. I've been a dancer my entire life, and in high school I discovered acting and theatre. Needless to say, my parents were a bit concerned when I proudly announced "I've decided to become an actor." I started digging, in search for some of the best institutions I could receive a formal education in acting – the University of Alberta is one of the universities I came across in my search. Ignorant as to just how cold Edmonton could get, I applied and immediately after I requested financial support.

I cannot tell you how much I cried when a few months later, not only had I received my acceptance letter, but also your scholarship offer. All of a sudden I realized: I was going to be able to pursue my dreams!

So thank you. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you. Your support has reminded me that hard work and dedication always pay off, and that there are people out there who want nothing more than to see us try our best to live a meaningful and successful life.

In my home country we are known for being very affectionate, so know that you are being showered with as many virtual hugs and kisses as you can take! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely,

Jane Doe

This interview has been edited for clarity.