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Dear Sponsor of the Inspire's Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards:

My name is Charlene Menacho. I am Dene from Tulita, Denedeh (Northwest Territories). I am currently enrolled in the two-year diploma Indigenous Studies program at Camosun College in Victoria, British Columbia. I am currently in my second year and will be graduating in June of 2019. I would like to say mahsi cho (thank you) for your generous financial support, this is helpful in ensuring that my family and I's needs are met while I attend college full-time. This will help with groceries, after-school care, and other living expenses which allows me to feel at ease to continue on my education journey without any worries.

Once I've completed the Indigenous Studies program, I would like to continue on at the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC to become a Social Worker. Upon completion, I plan on going back to Denedeh to work with my people and communities that require a helping hand in whatever needs they may have. I want to be a part of the change that focuses on healing, connecting and reclaiming relationships with others, the land and culture. There is a critical need for this, and with the education I am obtaining, this will prepare me with the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to move forward in a good way by being of service to others.

Mahsi cho again for your support, it is appreciated very much and I hope you know what a big difference you are making not only in my life but other students as well.