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Dear Sponsor of the *Giving TuesdayNow Bursary*,

My name is Jana Percival I am proud to be a Nisga'a citizen from the beautiful Nass Valley in British Columbia. Out of the 4 communities within the Nass Valley, I hail from the village of Gitlaxt'aamix. I come from the house of D'uuk wilps Gitwilnaak'il, and my family tribe is wolf (ksim laxgibuu niy.) I am a continuing post-secondary student at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George B.C. I am in my final year with completing my Associates of Arts Degree in Aboriginal Studies.

Winning this award has enabled me to be better prepared for the financial deadlines that are soon coming due for this fall 2020 semester. This award has also relieved a huge burden from my shoulders to be able to have the funds available to secure my seat by paying my fees early. As a mother of two sons and a wife to my hard-working husband, this award has further alleviated the added family stresses of working extra-long days to earn the required amounts needed for my school fees.

My future aspirations include exploring my options in continuing my post-secondary education at a university. I would one day like to attain a full bachelor's degree in Aboriginal Studies. In the process I further hope to attain work within our city helping to manage and elevate the Indigenous voice for better programs and services geared to helping our Indigenous populations.

Again, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous support, of which has guaranteed me the opportunity to complete my final year of studies. In a world going through such uncertainty and social changes during the covid-19 pandemic, this award has truly been a solid reminder of the wonderful opportunities that are still yet to be had.

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Jana Percival