

Dear sponsor of the Skylark Award for the Arts,

I am writing in response to being awarded a bursary from *Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards*. My name is Océane Kitura Bohémier-Tootoo. I was born and raised in Iqaluit, Nunavut. I am Inuk from my dad and my mom is from Quebec. I moved near Ottawa at 8 years old to continue my studies. I am now in the second year of 3 years program in musical theatre at the Cégep Lionel-Groulx. I am so grateful for receiving your generous financial aid, which helps me pursuing my dream as a performer. I could not do it without your help because my school is far from my home and I need to have an apartment. And so, I need to deal with living expenses too.

I aspire to be a performer and actor. After my program in my cegep, I plan on perfecting my art by going into the musical theatre program at the college Sheridan in Toronto, which is one of the best in Canada. Once I've finished studying, I want to bring my knowledge back to my community by opening up a musical theatre school at Iqaluit.

Thank you for your generous support,
Océane Kitura Bohémier-Tootoo