

October 3, 2020,

Dear sponsor of the BMO Capital Markets Equity Through Education Award (PSE),

My name is Ben Chief, and I have Tahltan First Nations ancestry through my mother, and Kaska First Nations ancestry through my father. I am currently enrolled in the first year of Vancouver Island University's Master of Business Administration Degree program. The financial support that I will receive will have a tremendous impact on my situation in the upcoming year and I am so grateful that I was selected. My tuition is very high this year at just under \$30,000, and before I was sponsored, I was relying solely on my personal savings and student loans to go through the program for the next 20 months. I will not be as far in debt when I graduate in April 2022, and will also have a higher quality of life while I'm in school. For example, I plan on getting a membership to the gym and will also be able to drive around more (as fuel is pretty expensive for me at the moment) during my downtime to find peaceful spots to relax and recharge around Nanaimo. I would eventually like to work in the banking industry when I graduate focusing on financial management and analysis, and this award will definitely help me to reach my career goals. I am so grateful for your generous support; it is greatly appreciated! Meduh- Thank You.

Respectfully,

Ben Chief