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Dear Sponsor of Indspire's Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards program,

I am currently studying in the Office Administration Executive field at Conestoga College. I am in my second year of the program and looking forward to the rest of the semester. This support has made a difference to my situation to be able to continue studying with less financial stress, purchase some supplies equipment needed and be able to continue forward. I haven't seen my Koko (grandmother from my mother's side) in 17 years and finally got to see her in person for the New Year which was very special. That was something that made me very happy and to finally see her again after so long. I am currently living in Guelph and my reserve Onigaming First Nation is 21 hours away, I am so grateful for your support.

My future aspirations involve continuing to support and mentor Indigenous youth with life promotion and mental health through We Matter and through other organizations. I plan on visiting Onigaming First Nation in person later when it is safer with Covid-19 guidelines to have in person workshops for the youth on reserve. I am interested in studying in a field more specific to mental health or harm reduction once I finish this program and later continue to university. I also am interesting in working within Indigenous life promotion/mental health or within Office Administration in a full-time position. Last year in August I had undergone surgery for Gall Bladder removal and spent my birthday hospitalized. I had a couple hardships afterwards I endured, and it wasn't easy. But now I look back at that as something that has made me stronger and I can continue to move forward, as well as other fellow Indigenous youth. The important thing is to stay positive and always try the best you can do and that nobody is perfect.

Chi Migweetch, Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Hannah Geauvreau-Turner

