Laura Grizzlypaws

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Attention:

GRIZZLYPAWS

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the generous scholarship you awarded me with. I appreciate your recognition of my efforts. I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Feast in the Forest and matching funds from the Government of Canada Scholarship. *Kukwstumckacw* (Thank you) so much for this generous support.

I have just begun my post graduate doctoral studies at Simon Fraser University in Education Leadership. Part of meeting the course learning outcomes, I am required to fly out into the Whitehorse Yukon Community every second weekend for face-to-face classes. This scholarship you awarded me with greatly alleviated financial stress and assisted me with travel, accommodations, and meals. I am proud to state that I completed my first semester with confidence so I can already state that my academics are already off to a first rate-start! You allowed me to focus on my studies without the financial burden of securing flights and accommodations.

As a first-generation child of a Residential School survivor, I grew up with less privileges of finances and quality education. As a result, I worked hard to obtain and appreciate the value of education. As a community member, I continue to provide educational leadership to promote and encourage community members to equip themselves with knowledge and skills so that they can give back to their personal selves, family and civic community.

Tákem nsnekw'nukw'a7 (All of my relations),

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Laura Grizzlypaws St'át'imc | Ecw7úcwalmicw (Learning through the Indigenous ways)