

Dear Donor of the Inuit Art Foundation Watt Scholarship,

I am an Inuvialuk wife, and mother of three children from Inuvik, Northwest Territories, and I have been a remote student for the past three years in the Indigenous Governance Degree Program at Yukon University. The support of this scholarship comes at just the right time as I am due to graduate with my degree this June, and this financial support will assist my family to attend my graduation together in person in Whitehorse, which means flying my mother, husband, and our three children and I from Inuvik to Whitehorse, including accommodations and meals for all of us. So, this scholarship will help relieve some of these costs. With my degree, in the short term my intention to contribute to improving the governance and socio-economic conditions in my community and throughout the Inuvialuit Settlement Region by working in intergovernmental relations, community development or self-government. In the long term, I have been inspired through my educational journey to continue furthering my education in the future, as I now have a new aspiration to earn a master's degree in Indigenous Governance, Political Science, or Indigenous and Common Law, which I feel would position me best to undertake the work I would like to do in the future. Quyananni (thank you) for your generous support and for contributing to the success of Inuit students like me who face increased barriers to education and in my case currently, a need to travel to receive my degree in person.

It has made a difference! Quyanaq (thank you very much)!