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Dear Sir/Mdm

Letter of Appreciation for SMUAA-OCBC Scholarship

Thank you for the support of my education at Singapore Management University (SMU). I am Sharon Lourdes Paul, an ongoing Year 2 undergraduate under the School of Economics, and am a recipient of this year's SMUAA-OCBC Scholarship.

I currently just completed my first year of education in SMU, and am moving on to the second year. SMU has provided me the opportunity to participate in varying activities. Joining the SMU Squash club and thus learning how to play squash has been enjoyable. I am currently part of the organizing committee for an upcoming open competition. In addition, I am honoured to be part of the school's Ambassadorial Corp. The Ambassadorial Corp represents SMU students and we engage external guests which range from foreign VIP delegates to prospective students. During this summer holidays, I have hosted undergraduates from the UAE and Myanmar. It was an eye opening experience to recognise that despite the geographical boundary, we shared similar mindsets on certain aspects in life such as our goals and aspirations.

Since my days in junior college, my aspiration is to start and run an enterprise. Thus far, SMU has given me the confidence to take the first step. The confidence was gradually built up by initial class projects such as business proposals, and followed by consultations with SMU'S Business Innovation Generator on a start-up idea I have. For giving me the self-confidence in fulfilling my aspiration, I am very grateful towards SMU. The impact it has had on me in the mere one year of studies is enduring.

Giving back to the SMU community is unquestionable because I am grateful to the school. This scholarship is one good platform which I can give back to the school. Apart from participating in some alumni events, I would love to act as the undergraduate feedback channel to SMUAA.

My experience in SMU has been a pivotal point of my life, and I am very thankful towards the school. Apart from fulfilling my CCA commitments in SMU, I wish to give back through the SMUAA. Thank you for providing me the financial assistance to continue my studies at SMU.

Yours faithfully



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