

Rotary Scholarship Thank You Letter

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Dear Mr Lou MacEachern and the Rotary Club of Calgary,

I want to express my deepest thanks for awarding me the Rotary Scholarship. Your support means more to me than words can convey. YMAP has played a pivotal role in my life, shaping who I am and how I see my future. Receiving this scholarship is not just a financial relief—it is a reminder that my journey, and the growth I have experienced through YMAP, are seen and valued.

Throughout my time with YMAP, I have had the privilege to dive into experiences that were both eye-opening and empowering. From cooking sessions to volunteering at summer festivals, and going on field trips, each activity has stretched my understanding and built my confidence. At one of our “Fun Friday” sessions, I discovered how much I enjoy working with CAD for 3D printing, a skill I had no idea I’d ever explore!

YMAP has been more than just a program—it is been a community that feels like home. I have met people whose stories mirror my own, and gained mentors in my YMAP coordinators. The bonds I have formed through YMAP are not only valuable, but they have also made my journey much more meaningful. One experience that really left a mark on me was the mock interview session, organized with Connect First. That day gave me a crash course in what it takes to step into the professional world. I came away with some fantastic resume feedback and sharpened interview skills that made me feel more prepared for the real thing. Beyond that, it taught me how to start building genuine professional relationships—something I now see as an essential part of my growth.

YMAP has pushed me to think about how I can contribute to my community. The leadership skills and sense of responsibility I have gained are something I am determined to carry forward. The Rotary Scholarship is so much more than a financial boost. It is an investment in who I am and who I am becoming. The fact that you believe in my potential makes me even more determined to pursue my education with everything I have. I will make sure your trust in me pays off!

With sincere gratitude and excitement for what’s ahead,

Abiola Ajibola