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My name is Tsvetelina Miteva. I am from Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria and I am 19 years old. At the moment I am studying at the American University in Bulgaria. I am a first year student in Journalism and Mass communications.

The story of my life is really complicated and consists of many difficulties. When I was six, my parents separated and I, together with my sister and my brother, were left in an orphanage. When I was eight, my mother passed away, and when I was 13, my father died too. I used to live in an orphanage for 12 years, until last year, when I finished High School and I left the orphanage.

Leaving alone, without anyone to give me both moral and financial support, was really hard to deal with. I wanted to study, but I had no financial means to do it. When, one day, the director of the orphanage called me to tell me that she wanted to introduce me to a Holland foundation, which members were coming to Bulgaria for a while. That was the moment that changed my life, because the Foundation was interested in my studying and proposed me to apply for their scholarship.

The fee that I had to pay at the American University in Bulgaria was too high – but thanks to the Foundation, which pays a part of the sum for the fee now, I have realized my dream – to study in an international college and one day to become a professional in the sphere of Journalism. The other part of the sum for the fee is paid by the university, because of my financial need and my good grades.

I cannot even express how grateful I am for the support of the Foundation. I am glad that there are people who give the money they have worked so hard for, to people like me; people who are ambitious and have some talent, but don't have the possibility to show to the world what they can do. If more people help students, who want to study but don't have the means, for sure there will be more intelligent and educated young people than now.