

UMAAV Scholarship Program Summary

Start of the program	: 2013 – 01 – 01
Total scholarships paid	: Rs. 3.2 Million
Number of scholarships awarded	: 54
Current active scholarships	: 21
Current Scholarship amount	: Rs. 2,500 per month (Rs. 30,000 per annum)

Success Stories of UMAAV Scholarship Program

Feedback by Nilusha Silva of Town and Country Planning

Hi,

I am Nilusha. I was an undergraduate at the Department of Town and Country Planning, University of Moratuwa. Many of my batch mates applied for this scholarship. Actually I didn't expect to be selected as a recipient. But in that time period I felt if I get financial support for my studies, it will be a great help for me and my sister, mainly because she assisted with all the financial needs at my home.

Unfortunately, at the end of 2014, we got to know that my father had a cancer. My mother, sister, and my brother all of us couldn't believe it! Even my father was shocked to hear the news. But we had to face the situation. It was very difficult time; however I tried to show a smile for everybody around me. I think you understood my situation. UMAAV scholarship encouraged me to keep going. I wanted to give financial support for my sister as she didn't get a big salary, but with the little earnings, she had to manage. With my Mahapola scholarship, I could give some money back to my sister to spend on medicine for my father. Unfortunately, in the middle of 2015 my sister also lost her job. At that point I thought what should I do? One day, I thought to stop my studies and find a job. But I could not make up my mind as I was the only one blessed with a university education. It was the dream of my family to see me complete my university education. In the Final year of my university life, I was lucky to get hostel facilities. Just because of that, I could spend a bit more on my father. Our villagers also helped us a lot. They came every day to see my father. Every weekend, I went home. But with all our efforts, we could not save him. It has been a year since my father passed away.

I have just completed my degree. Even though he's not with us today, I could complete it successfully as I got this scholarship. Rs. 3000 per month was a big amount of money for me. I looked forward to the

first day of every month until I got a message from the bank saying that I had received Rs.3000. From semester to semester I could increase my GPA as well. Unfortunately I couldn't get a first class division, but I could achieve a second upper division. I am happy to say with all the problems that I faced in my life; I could get the best value out of my education.

Currently I am working at Seva Wanitha Resource centre where I got industrial training during my university life. Still I don't get a big salary, but with that I try to fulfil the needs of my home. So, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all the committee members and all the sponsors of UMAAV, because it was a huge support for me. Actually I have lots of things to share with you, but I have to limit it; so according to my religion I wish you all 193Teruwan Saranail94.

Thank you



Nilusha Silva

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Feedback by Malith Senavirathne of Town and Country Planning

I am Malith from Department of Town and Country Planning UOM. I would proudly and humbly say that I was one of the beneficiaries of UMAAV scholarship program which I was depending a lot during the four years of my academia. Currently, I am attached to the Department of Town and Country Planning as an Instructor. I was able to join this position as I passed out last December as a first class honours degree holder. I was able to come this far because of the UMAAV scholarship, which helped ease the burden of my financial background. I started university studies just one year after the passing away of my father. Since then, my mother and I were struggling to stand upon the financial burdens of the family. In such time, the presence of the scholarship program had been a great relief for me as it helped me successfully concentration on my studies and achievements. I am wholeheartedly grateful for everyone for working harder for the success of this program. I wish that this program get stronger every year, so that students like me can succeed in their academic studies. In the new future, I hope I can join the scholarship program so I can contribute towards helping a student in need. Thank you very much and may all your great attempts meet great success!

Thank you



Malith Senavirathne

Department of Town and Country Planning

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Feedback by Janath Rodrigo of Department of Materials Science & Engineering

Dear All,

I am Janath Rodrigo. I am starting as a final year student at the University of Morutwa this year at faculty of engineering University of Moratuwa. First of all I would like to thank the committee of UMAAV for organising this kind of scholarships. I was selected for the UMAAV scholarship in 2015. I received the benefits of the scholarship in 2015 and 2016 actually the scholarship was really helpful to me as it help me overcome my financial difficulties.

My father does not have a job because he is a paralysed patient, and my mother also does not have a job. Therefore, it was difficult for me to ask my mother for money for my expenses. To earn money for my expenses, I contemplated giving up my study time and finding a part-time job. This would have severely affected my academic studies. As I was so lucky to have received this scholarship, I didn't need to find part time work. In that respect, this scholarship was a real blessing to help with my overall studies.

As an engineering student, I wish to do well in the future. One day I am hoping to help others who are in my situation. Finally, I would like to thank you again for your great help. I wish UMAAV to become stronger and further help students like me.

Thank you



Janath Rodrigo

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Feedback by SumuduHerath of Department of Civil Engineering

Dear Sir,

I am a UMAAV Scholar since 2013 from the Department of Civil Engineering of University of Moratuwa. I would like to make this opportunity to thank you for the unwavering support given for the whole period of my University education. I think you would like to hear how important that UMAAV Scholarship was to me during my academics at University of Moratuwa. Following are few of the achievements I have made during my student life at University of Moratuwa and I should thank you all for backing me up with the much needed financial assistance throughout my University career.

- Batch top in the Dept. of Civil Engineering for 2016 and 2nd place in the Faculty of Engineering
- Admitted to University of Cambridge, UK for Ph.D. with a full scholarship from Cambridge Trust.

I consider myself to be very lucky obtaining the UMAAV scholarship and achieving such a glory so far in my life. It would be really difficult to reach such heights without your aid. I wish you all the best and kindly request to continue this scholarship scheme as far as possible because I can guarantee, I made the best out of it.

Best Regards,



SumuduHerath,

Undergraduate of Department Civil Engineering,

Faculty of Engineering

University of Moratuwa.

UMAAV Scholar 2013-2016

Feedback by UdaraIndrajith of Department of Materials Science & Engineering

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for Association to offer me the UMAAV Undergraduate Scholarship. I am much honoured to be a recipient of this award.

At this time, I completed my BSc Engineering course at University of Moratuwa specialized to Material Science and Engineering and expecting the result for final exam. Currently I'm holding a second lower class and I think it will be upgraded to second upper class with my final exam result. After the graduation I would like to join the industry rather than the higher

studies. So now I'm looking for a job related to Material Engineering field to start my carrier. Also I hope to start post graduate degree as a part time while I'm doing a job.

I knew when I selected to attend University of Moratuwa that I would be getting a great education. This scholarship reduced my financial burden and helped me to further increase my chances of success. Again, thank you for your support. I hope to help others one-day, as you have helped me when I needed financial support.

Best Regards,



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