## **MY JOURNEY OF BS-BOTANY**

I have always been a hardworking and passionate student throughout my life. I have also got an A+ grade during my whole education career. I got 1001 out of 1100 in matric with an A+,949 out of 1100 with an A+ grade in f.sc pre-medical, and was about to get admission in university when my father suffered from bipolar disorder combined with schizophrenia. After that my whole life was ruined, we had financial crises and our life became miserable. Even when my result (F.SC) was announced, my father was severely ill. That day I woke up at 10 a.m., checked my results, and got an A+ grade but my father was so ill that he was not able to cheer me up which he used to do whenever my result was declared. We could not afford even the necessities of life and all my hopes to get a higher education vanished. I had a gap year then because I couldn't afford to get admission in university due to financial crisis. All my friends got admitted to universities. Even my class fellows who had got 670 and 650 marks got admission in universities because they neither had talent nor they were hardworking but what they had was wealth. I started praying to Allah to help me get admission in university and pursue my dreams. Some relatives told us that we can get admission in university on scholarship. Somehow, I managed to get admission in LCWU on merit in 2019 in Bs-Botany by paying the admission fee by selling my mother's gold chain and it was a new phase of my educational career. But my struggles had not come to an end, I couldn't afford transport charges, books, or notes, and also did not have any money to pay my second fee. I used to visit the LCWU financial aid office almost twice a week. One day, when I visited F.A.O they told me that there is a scholarship called EHSAAS which offers a full tuition fee with a 40 K yearly stipend. I was overjoyed, followed the complete procedure, and applied for it, but I had no hope that I would get this scholarship. I thought it was fake. After one month I received an interview call but it was on my final paper. I had got my interview conducted and all my hopes were lost as

they asked a lot of questions I came home and told my parents that everything was over and I would not get that scholarship. Three months passed, and our university had been closed due to corona. One day I got a message on my father's mobile phone that said, dear student, your Asaan account has been opened. I didn't understand it. I called my friend and told her about it. She said that you might be selected for the EHSAAS scholarship and she told me to see my name in the list of awardees for the EHSAAS scholarship. I downloaded the list and was frozen with fear. My hands were trembling when I found my name on the list. I screamed with joy and told my whole family that I had got the scholarship. My whole family was happy. After that, I got my stipend every year through which I was able to buy my books, notes, and everything I needed for my studies. I focused on my studies and studied harder and harder. I also got an internship at LCWU in Plant Physiology under the supervision of Dr. Mobina Ulfat. My BS was completed in 2023 and it was all possible by the will of ALLAH Almighty and EHSAAS scholarship. I will always be thankful to Allah for giving me this opportunity.

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