

Poverty is not a Hindrance to Success (Scholarship Success Story)

This is Saba Sattar. Recently, I completed Master's degree in Mass Communication from Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), a milestone that once felt like a distant dream. It wasn't just about receiving a degree, it was a testament to the power of dreams, fueled by the incredible support from the Lahore College Financial Aid office and USAID Merit and Needs-based scholarship.

My father is a hardworking car mechanic. At that time, he was the sole breadwinner in our family. My mother is a housewife. I am the eldest sister among seven siblings in our family, and we are all engaged in our educational pursuits. I vividly remember the time when my father's income could not cover all our expenses.

In intermediate, I aspired to secure admission at Lahore College because it was my dream. At that time, it seemed tough because of financial constraints. But with my parents help, I applied for admission and luckily got admission. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and share the story of how Lahore college Financial Aid Office helped me to turn obstacles into stepping stones. They guided me on how to apply for the USAID Merit and Needs-Based scholarship. I received USAID Merit and Needs based scholarship at every stage of my academic journey. I am grateful to the USAID scholarship and Lahore college Financial Aid office for the help that made my education journey possible.

During my studies, I took matters into my own hands and started teaching students at home to cover my study expenses. It wasn't just about getting a degree; it was about proving that one's background doesn't determine their destination. With the support of the USAID scholarship and Lahore college Financial Aid office I finished my studies and, I'm super proud that I not only completed my education but also got the second position and a shiny silver medal. This is a huge achievement for me and my parents. Now, Alhamdulillah I am doing an internship in international organization. I want to express my gratitude to Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) for giving me opportunities and serving as a platform to help me avail scholarships

My advice to the fellow dreamers who are facing financial roadblock is: your dreams are valid, and education can be your ticket to a world of opportunities. I started with USAID scholarship, faced obstacles, but with the right guidance and the support from USAID and Financial Aid Office, here I am.

In my Opinion "Education is the compass that points to the north of endless possibilities. I'm living proof that where there's a dream, there's a way." So, fellow dreamers, embrace the challenges, seek support, and let your journey be a testament to the incredible heights you can reach. Life throws tough stuff your way, but you can totally handle it. Don't let money stuff stop you from chasing your dreams. Every challenge is just a step towards something awesome. Believe in yourself, work hard, and watch how things start falling into place. The world is waiting for your story.