

A Success Story

This is Zunaira Islam, a recent Master's Graduate in Mass Communication from Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), a woman with an unwavering determination to pursue higher education. Although, my dream of obtaining a higher education seemed unattainable due to financial constraints. I faced the burden of high tuition fees and living expenses that seemed to hinder my dreams. But I didn't let these circumstances discourage me and instead opted to find scholarship opportunities. I also juggled part-time jobs, excelled in academics, and actively engaged in extracurricular activities. My dedication not only showcased resilience but also caught the attention of scholarship committees seeking passionate and driven individuals.

The pivotal moment arrived when I received the news of being awarded the USAID Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship that paved my way for higher education. This turning point marked the beginning of my transformative journey from a struggling student to a beacon of inspiration. Embracing the opportunity, I started my MS degree with enthusiasm. Throughout the degree, I exhibited exemplary academic performance. My commitment and hard work led to the highest acknowledgment, receiving the prestigious Gold Medal for outstanding academic achievements in MS Mass Communication. Receiving the scholarship not only alleviated financial burdens but also instilled a newfound confidence in me. The impact of this achievement rippled through my life, opening doors to opportunities I had once only dreamed of.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and share how Lahore college Financial Aid Office helped me to turn obstacles into Stepping stones. They guided me how to apply for the USAID Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship. With the support of the USAID scholarship and Lahore college Financial Aid office I completed my MS and, I'm super proud that I not only completed my degree but also got the first position and a prestigious Gold Medal. This is a huge Achievement for me and my family. Now, Alhamdulillah I am working in an International Water Management Institute. 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 Scholarship.

My advice to aspiring students facing financial obstacles is; "Never underestimate the power of your dreams, and never let financial barriers define your potential. Seek out opportunities, work hard, and believe in yourself. With determination, you can turn adversity into triumph." As a conclusion I would like to say that my resilience, coupled with the support of a scholarship, not only enabled me to earn a degree but also shine brightly with a Gold Medal, proving that with determination and opportunity, one can overcome any obstacle on the path to success.