

**Message of thanks from Jennifer Coulthard:**

**2016 recipient of The Freeman of the City of London of North America Scholarship**

First of all, I would like to thank the Freeman of the City of London of North America for their incredible generosity; I am very honoured and grateful to be the recipient of this scholarship. This scholarship relieves much of the financial burden attached to going on exchange, particularly in London, England. I really can't stress enough how grateful I am, this scholarship has allowed me to focus on just being excited for the upcoming year instead of stressing over numbers.

I am very excited for the opportunity this year to study Film and Global Development in the international hub of London. King's College London is internationally recognized for their arts and humanities programs, and their Film Studies was rated number one in the UK in 2015. This combined with London's incredible international art scene and role as a cultural gathering place makes King's College an ideal place for pursuing a degree in Film Studies and Global Development. Studying film at a school with such an amazing program is a privilege, and I cannot wait to take advantage of all that London has to offer. Likewise studying Global Development in a city which has been the center of international relations for centuries is an incredible opportunity to expand my education beyond the classroom, and beyond my country. This generous award from the Freeman of the City of London of North America will assist greatly in lessening the financial burden of this opportunity, allowing me to focus more time and energy on completing my studies. For the past two years I have maintained three part time jobs to fund my education, this award would allow me to rededicate that time towards my studies, and pursue more rewarding activities in the community. In particular I would like to dedicate more time to creating films, and volunteering. This award also allows the opportunity to explore beyond London, and see more of the UK to really immerse myself in a new culture.

I would love and look forward to meet with members of The Freeman of the City of London of North America, in both London, Ontario, and London, England. Unfortunately, as mentioned earlier, I am already in England and will not be returning to Ontario until next fall, however I am definitely interested in arranging to meet with members here in England.

Thanks and regards,

Jennifer Coulthard