

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

## Student Report for: Academic year 2020-2021

### Prepared for Smart Tulip Foundation

In the school year 2020-2021, saigonchildren used your donation of US\$ 13,880 to finance educational opportunities for 30 disadvantaged students.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created an enormous disruption to the school year in September 20 and, starting from April 21 until now, threatened disadvantaged children's education attainment, especially when their families struggle economically. Thanks to the timely contributions to our emergency appeal, we have provided urgent help to affected children so that they can finish the academic year in May 21. Below is the summary of their academic results:

Description	Classification based on GPA	No. of students
Classifications of students who completed the school year	Excellent	-
	Good	5
	Fair	6
	Upper Average	5
	Average	11
	Weak	-
	Poor	-
	No result	3

*[Please refer to the Attachment for a detailed list of study results].*

During this dreadful time, we are pleased to report that 04 of your sponsored students fulfilled their requirements and graduated with a tertiary degree, the other 10 students are about to graduate soon. Six of them have found full-time jobs with a monthly income from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000VND.

Such results are reflections of the effort made by the disadvantaged youth. It also illustrates how determined they are to get an education and their strive for a brighter future. Following is the sharing from one of your sponsored students:



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My name is Chien, and I am currently studying Business Administration at Nam Can Tho University. At present, I live with 2 juniors in a rent room about 2km from the school. During my studying time in Can Tho, I worked as a banquet attendant at Cuu Long Hotel and Restaurant. At that time, I just started my last year before graduation, so I only worked on Saturdays and Sundays because I had to spend the rest of the week on school schedules. The salary is 85,000 VND per day from 8 am to nearly 9 pm, and I can run a maximum of 2 shifts/ a day. I use my paycheck to buy more study materials, pay for food and daily goings. After the second semester of the fourth year, I quit that job to prepare for the internship to graduate on time.



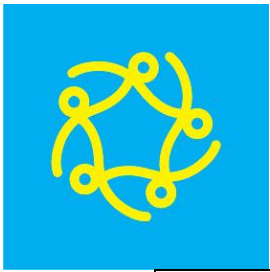
After stressful school hours in the morning, I usually go home to rest for 1 hour to 2 hours, and then I study in groups with my friends. While gradually experiencing the academy at the university, I found this is an entirely different learning environment compared to studying in high school. When I first entered the university, I was stunned because it was completely different from studying in high school. When we were in lectures in the class, the lecturer only taught the main content of the lessons. I had to learn and read the material before going to class to keep up with the teaching and learning procedures here. Studying in the university environment has changed me enormously. For example, I can be more active while communicating with people around me. I also became more professional in teamwork and built an enormous sense of independence when studying away from home.

Apart from the things that changed me positively, there are many difficulties I had to overcome like when working in groups, some friends responsibly completed their tasks, but some didn't feel like doing anything, hence sometimes I had to cover homework for the whole group alone, and honestly, it was very tiring and stressful. I had to tell myself that even though it was a collective point for the whole group, but it was also my point, which also reflected my learning progress and my responsibility in studying, so I tried my best to complete it. Because of these stresses and some personal reasons, I also thought of taking a break from studying and started to work to support my family. But then, I felt that I should try to finish my studies as soon as possible; because only after finishing school will I have a chance to find a stable job. Besides, I'm receiving support from saigonchildren, I shouldn't stop studying and let my brothers and sisters in saigonchildren who always help me be disappointed, so I gave up thinking about suspending my studies.

After graduation, I plan to find a job that is more business-oriented, specifically in sales. The first reason I chose this job is that this job is flexible and has more challenges in the working process. The second reason is that I will have many opportunities to interact with other people and explore more trading markets when I do this job. But to do this job smoothly, I know I have to improve myself a lot. Firstly, I need to improve my communication skills, and following is my language proficiency. Because whatever job I do now, language ability is always in demand. Also, except for these necessary goals, I will try to perfect other skills which need to be used in working society.

Talking about the scholarship of saigonchildren, I have received it from 10th grade until now, it's been 7 years since then. At that time, my family had an unfortunate incident that greatly affected my study at school. After that, I was informed by my homeroom teacher that I received a scholarship from saigonchildren. At that moment, I was extremely happy and surprised because I did not expect to receive this scholarship. This study package greatly supported me through high school and college time with study materials, tuition fees, and other necessities when I needed them.

After the 12th grade, if I did not receive the support of this scholarship package, I would continue my studies and try all my best to achieve the undergraduate degree. Although it could be more difficult, I would find a way to overcome it



because I've always known the right way to change my life is to go after knowledge, and the first step is to complete my studies at university. The saigonchildren scholarship helps many students who have disadvantaged lives just like me on their educational path. It also gives us many valuable and practical training courses in soft skills for our future jobs. I really like the activities that saigonchildren offers. I am very grateful to this scholarship for giving me much support, enabling me to learn and improve myself a lot, and supporting my studies from the past time until the present. Thank you very much.

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