

**Dignity Scholarship Recipient, 2007. Personal History, Application
(Translated from Thai)**

My name is (name withheld) and I am 19 years old. My father's name is (name withheld); he is a fisherman. My mother's name (name withheld) ; she is a contract worker. My mother and father have been divorced now for 14 years. My family has three siblings: I have one older sister and one older brother. I also have two younger step-brothers with my father's second wife. I am the third child of five in this order.

I am currently living with my father's new family along , my two younger step-brothers and my paternal grandmother. My older sister is married and has her own family. My older brother is currently in college. The other three of us are still in school.

As I stated before, my father is a village fisherman; his income is very uncertain. His earnings are very dependent on the weather. Fishing has become even more difficult after the tsunami disaster; the number of fish that are being harvested has decreased. My mother takes up work whenever she can get it. Our total monthly family income is about 4,000 baht [\$115 US]. Even though it will be very difficult for me to continue my studies because I lack funds to pay for my studies, I have always committed myself to study as much as I am able and to conduct myself in accordance with the rules and disciplines of my school. I want to be a model for my friends and the students who are junior to me.

I have maintained a grade point average in high school of 3.31. While a student, what I was most proud of was that I was able to assist my fellow students as well as to participate in many activities which the school sponsored. In addition, I was able to attend many seminars and I was a school athlete, representing my school at youth competitions for Phangnga Province during the 2548 – 2549 (2005 – 2006) school year. For these activities I received the following certificates and awards:

1. I received a Certificate for attending a seminar for "New Era Youth Marching Forward toward Democracy – 2548 (2005)".
2. I obtained a Certificate for attending a practical workshop for Diving sponsored by the Department of Ocean Fisheries and Coastal Areas in Phuket Province in 2548 (2005).
3. I received an attendance certificate for joining in an English Language Seminar.
4. In 2548 (2005) I obtained a certificate for attending an English Language seminar held at The Kamala Bay Garden Resort.
5. I was part of the winning team in the 4 X 100 meter relay race for men below the age of 18 held in Phangnga Province during 2548 (2005).
6. I received a second place medal for the high jump in the class of men under the age of 18 in the 2548 (2005) Phangnga Province games.
7. I placed second overall in an English Language competition for the year 2549 (2006) held in Phangnga Province.

8. I won the long jump competition for men below the age of 19 in the Phangnga games for 2549 (2006).

9. Our team won the 4 X 100 meter relay race for men under the age of 19 in the Phangnga games for the year 2549 (2006).

10. I also won the high jump competition for men below the age of 19 in the Phangnga games for 2549 (2006).

11. I was a member of the winning volleyball team for young men in our school's "color war" games.

12. I came in second place in the 200 meter dash for youth in our school's color war games.

13. I attained a certificate for attending a 2549 (2006) English Language seminar.

14. I received a certificate of attendance for participation in a seminar sponsored by Charm Rest in Koh Yao District in 2549 (2006).

The achievement at school of which I am most proud, however, is that I was elected to be the student body president for two years, from 2548 – 2549 (2005 – 2006). I was also chosen to be the chairman of the board for Phangnga Junior Guides for the year 2549 (2006). I have been accepted to study in the baccalaureate program at Thaksin University in Songkla Province in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. My major would be Japanese Language.

My dream is to become a teacher when I complete my education because my School is lacking teachers who are native to this area. Most of the foreign language teachers at my School are from other provinces and areas of the country ; generally, they leave after a few years of teaching here.

I anticipate that I will change my major to English Language for my second year of study because none of the schools in the District teach Japanese as part of the curriculum. When I complete my studies, I dream of returning to my school and helping to develop it academically and to help our community grow by teaching foreign languages at a community school here.

I know that a course of study at the university is very expensive. At this time I lack sufficient funds to further my education. My father's income is not reliable enough. I am requesting your assistance for funds to help me complete my college education so that I can return home and help develop my community.