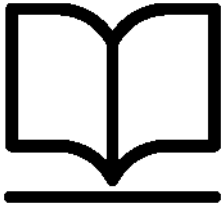




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ERIKA-MAY BERRY

Bachelor of Arts

Dear Southern Highland's Foundation,

I am still enjoying my Bachelor of Arts degree, thanks to the support of the Foundation. This is an amazing opportunity to receive this scholarship. I am extremely grateful, and I cannot even find the words that would describe just how much it means to me.

As well my studies, I have spent some time this year been doing a few other things in my community. At the start of the year, I was at the Robertson Markets with my candles, and I was stationed next to a youth organisation, RuffTrack, that helps vulnerable teenagers. I was fortunate enough to chat with the founder 'Farmer Dave' and we talked about my life as a foster child growing up in a world that felt impossible, and how I achieved my goals and aspirations in life with thanks to this scholarship and the incredible network of people behind me. I took a lot out of this conversation and felt very motivated to help others.

I have been involved in hosting bath bomb workshops in my local community. It was so amazing and aspiring being given the opportunity to teach other people.

Another great activity I was able to take part in was to help my foster mum do some culture classes with a local school and I was able to the assist her to teach the students about our amazing Indigenous heritage.

I cannot express how grateful I am to represent this scholarship. Without the support from the university and the Foundation I never would have believed I could get this far.

I want to say a massive thank you for your ongoing support, it continues to keep making a difference in my life.

Warmest regards,
Erika-May