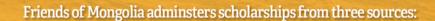


# 2023-2024 Scholarships

Meet the Mongolian Scholars







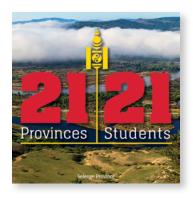






# MATTHEW GIRVIN SCHOLARSHIP

The Matthew Girvin Scholarship program is supported primarily by the Matthew Girvin Fund. This was established in the spring of 2006 and has supported forty plus Mongolian university students over the course of the past seventeen years. Our program targets underserved, rural applicants with high academic potential and financial need, who want to attend university in Mongolia.



# MONGOLIA 21|21

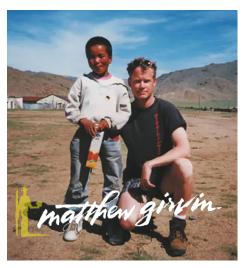
The Mongolia 21|21 Initiative is a new scholarship programming beginning in 2023. For financially struggling families, the idea of a college education can seem very remote, even impossible. The objective of Mongolia 21|21 is to connect 21 American Rotary Clubs with FOM, in order to provide a full-tuitions scholarship to a student from every province in Mongolia by the 2025-2026 academic year. We are always looking for more Rotary Clubs to join our expanding network.



## MONGOLIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Mongolian Leadership Scholarship is a new scholarship program beginning in 2023. This scholarship was fund was created in order to support low-income Mongolian secondary school graduates living in or around Ulaanbaatar. With approximately half of the country's population living in Ulaanbaatar, we wanted to direct support to this territory as well. We are always looking for more donors, or Returned Peace Corps Volunteer cohorts, to join this program.

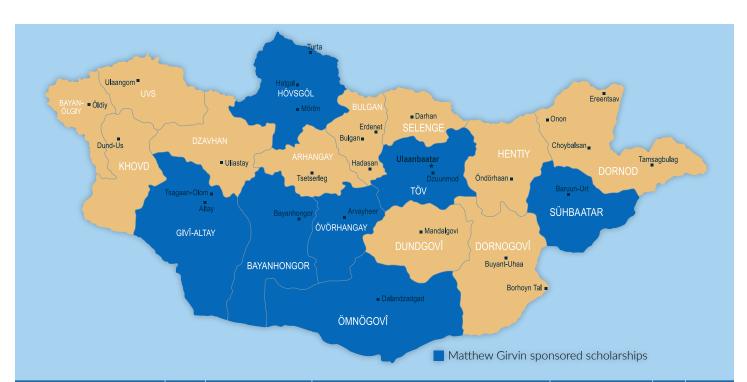
Disclaimer: We recognize there are grammatical errors in some of our students' bios. Many of them are practicing their English-writing skills. Please be understanding in your review of their stories and updates.



The Scholarship program was established in 2003 by the UNICEF staff in the belief it would commemorate and continue Matthew's interests and work with Mongolian youth, especially those living in the remote nomadic communities. The UNICEF charter does not permit it to transfer outside funds from the New York City headquarters to foreign operations.

To solve this challenge of transferring the funds from the Girvin family in the USA to the UNICEF office in Mongolia required another agency. Initially this was the Mongolian Youth Development Foundation (MYDF), but by 2006 Friends of Mongolia (FOM) was discovered to better serve this need. This agency is staffed by returned Peace Corps workers who had their tour in Mongolia. Over time it seemed apparent that the management of the program by the UNICEF staff was becoming more difficult for them because of the time involved. It also became known to UNICEF and to the Girvin family that FOM also managed several other scholarship programs in Mongolia.

If you want to learn more about Matthew Girvin's dedication, spirit, and life of service, feel free to visit his website."



Name	Gender	Province	University	Major		Program Length
Sumiyabazar Bazarragchaa	Male	Övörhangay	Ach Medical School	Medical Doctor	6	6
Jamiyansuren Altanhuyag	Male	Orkhon, Bayanhongor	Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences	Medical Doctor	6	6
Mungunchimeg Munguntsetseg	Female	Sühbaatar	Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences	Pharmacist	5	5
Munkhtsatsral Ganbat	Female	Givî-Altay	National University of Mongolia	Finance	3	4
Enhjin Batbaysgalan	Female	Givî-Altay, Esonbulag	National University of Mongolia	Lawyer	3	4
Bodisanchir Batbold	Male	Töv, Batsumber	National University of Mongolia	Biotechnology	2	4
Gandi Tegshee	Female	Givî-Altay, Esonbulag	Mongolian National University of Art & Culture	Classical Piano	2	4
Urgamaltsetseg Jargalsaikhan	Female	Ömnögovî	National University of Mongolia	Finance	1	4
Oyundari Galina	Female	Hövsgöl	National University of Mongolia	Program Engineering	1	4
Baasandulam Davaakhuu	Female	Hövsgöl	Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences	Medical Doctor	1	6



# Sumiyabazar Bazarragchaa

Dear Friends of Mongolia team members and Matthew Lee Girvin family,

Greetings to everyone. It has been six years since I started cooperating with FOM. I really appreciate all of you from the FOM team who helped me strive for my childhood dreams and future goals. You have also helped me understand how to adapt, develop, and express myself when faced with many challenges in a new setting with new people and a totally different environment.

As a senior getting ready to graduate, this year is different for me. This is the year before entering life - another circle and another environment, and the last year of studying with my university friends and going on sleepless nights as a student. After graduating, I am one step closer to achieving my dream, and my responsibilities are increasing accordingly. In the future, I plan to study as a surgeon, and I am currently preparing and studying for a graduate degree. Also, it has been 5 years since I joined the emergency first aid club in after-school hours.

Besides academic learning, at the university, I learned a lot of things that are necessary for life, such as communicating with others, behaving properly, and learning to take responsibility. Of course, without your help and support, I would not have been able to see, know, and learn

all this, and I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who have given me this great life opportunity...

# Jamiyansuren Altanhuyag

Thanks to the substantial financial support, I have been able to utilize my time as a student to focus on personal development rather than working for income. I have also dedicated more attention to my studies, initiated several projects and community activities, and engaged in memorable experiences.

This year, I had the opportunity to qualify for the youth delegate United Nations Environmental Leadership Program. Observing other outstanding participants in the program, I realized that I needed improvement in several areas, particularly in foreign language skills. This year is my last year as a student. For this reason, this year I plan to prepare myself for future jobs, learn the necessary skills, improve my English skills, and take the IELTS exam in March 2024. That is why I started taking English language courses from September 2023.

In addition to lessons and language training, MEDPLUS NGO will organize active projects and programs to support the development and leadership of medical students and young doctors. For this semester, we are working to start a series of podcast that topic of how to work and study in the international health field, "Notes from a White Coat", and leadership program for young health professionals and

Friends of Mongolia, I would like to thank the NGO team for providing all these opportunities. Thank you all.





# Mungunchimeg Munguntsetseg

I am Friends of Mongolia scholarship student Mungunchimeg M. I am cur-rently studying in the 5th course of MNUMS- School of Pharmacy, and during this time I have learned many new things, met good people that I will meet in life, and continue to study hard for the goals and objectives set in front of me.

In this 2023-2024 academic year, one of the most important moments in life is coming soon. As a graduate student, I have been thinking more than ever about the tasks to be done and what to do next. 4 years ago, when I started studying in the 1st course, 5 years seemed like a long time, and I couldn't imagine the good things that could happen in my life.

But now I'm standing on the threshold of 5 years, maybe graduating from university is a new beginning in my life. At the beginning of the new school year, the good news that Friends of Mongolia will continue to receive scholarship makes me the happiest, full of dreams and motivation to try. Being able to participate in this scholarship and get a great opportunity is undoubtedly one of the most important events of my student life. Thank you to all of you who have made memories, created a lot, and created opportunities for learning.

#### Munkhtsatsral Ganbat

I am very happy to continue to receive the scholarship for the 3rd year in the Financial Management program of the Business School of the National University of Mongolia.

This year, I have planned many things such as expanding my knowledge, trying new things, and paying attention to my personal development. As the course progresses, the subjects become more professional and require more skills, so I will try to spend most of my time studying and not be distracted by other things. Furthermore, I have a big task in choosing a company to do an internship for my profession to get to know the features of my future work and tasks from the inside.

Since my student years are already over and graduation is approaching, I want to join clubs that I haven't joined before, do social activities, make friends, learn from others, and share what I know with others. Also, in the first months of this semester, in order to improve my English, I have set many goals, such as to better define my learning method and continue to study English by attending a course in the later months.





# **Enhjin Batbaysgalan**

This year, I have been fortunate to enroll in an international law class, and I am thrilled to expand my academic horizons by immersing myself in the captivating realm of international law alongside my studies in Mongolian law.

My motivation for this pursuit is twofold: it aligns with my curiosity and my future career goals in education and research. In the upcoming academic year, I aim to participate in English-language judicial debates, applying my acquired knowledge and skills. To prepare, I plan to seek mentorship from accomplished senior students in international law, assisting them in debate and contest preparation.

I'm also eager to gain practical experience through a local court internship, deepening my understanding of legal processes. This hands-on experience will complement my academic pursuits and provide a holistic legal field perspective. My study plan centers on knowledge acquisition, practical experience, and skill development to excel in international law. These efforts will significantly contribute to my future career in education and research.

## **Bodisanchir Batbold**

Greetings to everyone who is reading my update.

I am honored to inform you that I completed military service during the summer vacation, and I have started taking the foundational professional courses this year. That's why, first of all, I aim to spend more time on my professional courses and maintain my GPA high. Also, I want to start my own research work in the "Molecular genetics and cell culture laboratory" which I joined last year, and want to improve my professional skills, and actively participate in academic conferences. I would like to emphasize that I am continuing to study quantum chemistry and clinical genetics, which I have been studying since the spring semester, and I am very interested in it.

In my free time and for the sake of my personal skills, I am an active member of the Student Council of the School of Natural Sciences of the National University Mongolia, and I became the head of a department from the previous semester. That's why I feel that I have grown up with my responsibilities as well. Currently, I am working as the leader of a team of 30 people, and doing a lot of work to introduce the school and science to the public. At the same time, in my spare time, I work as a chemistry teacher at Deutsche Schule and I am proud of myself for being able to support myself financially without help from my family.



Although I am a little tired in my busy schedule, I hope that the knowledge and experience I am gaining will be very useful in my future life. Also, I would like to express my special gratitude to all the donors and people in Friends of Mongolia who have always supported my goal. I promise to study hard in order to increase the workforce of Mongolia by one next year. Thank you.

# **Gandi Tegshee**

Greetings to you who are reading my little goals for this year!

I am in my second year in the piano class of the School of Music of the Mongolian National University of Culture and Arts. This semester I am studying 18 credits, and among these courses, I am taking a new professional course called Working with a Studio which I find very interesting. By mastering this course, I will learn how to interact with the studio and how to compose. I'm glad I'm giving myself another advantage by learning this.

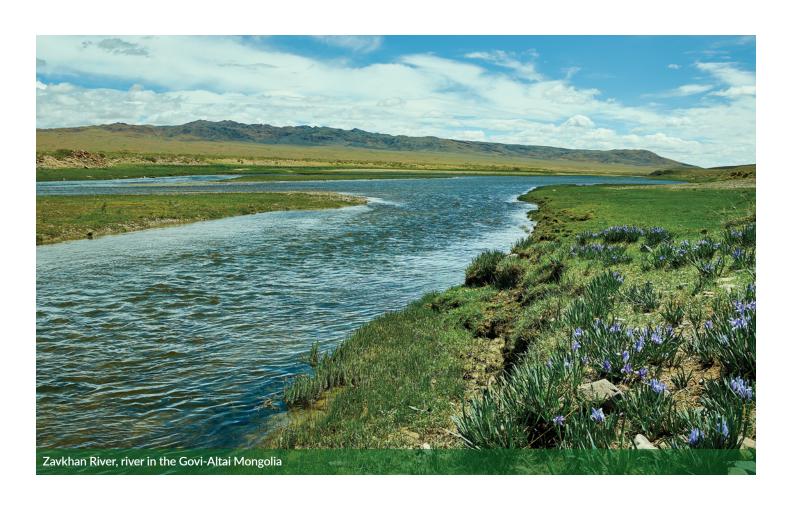
Also, the biggest goal of this year is to form a foundation for mastering the skills of a concertmaster. A concertmaster works together with singers, other musical instruments, and ballet dancers.

Therefore, I would like to successfully pass the exam by performing with a singer in October and another musical instrument in December. The ability in this subject is a very important part of my profession, so I have a new responsibility to diligently practice. By being a good concertmaster, I develop my ability to harmonize with my partner or team, by improving my feelings, hearing, thinking, and singing skills, and the ability to play other musical instruments.

In addition to taking monthly exams in my solo piano lessons, I am planning to hold a small-scale performance with my classmates in November

to share classical melodies with my teachers and friends. I am confident that these plans will be successful.







# Jargalsaikhan Urgamaltseg

My name is Jargalsaikhan Urgamaltseg. I was born on January 24, 2005 in Bulgan soum, Umnugovi province. I'm a very open type of person who likes to communicate with people, so I can easily get along with anyone. I'm sure that I will become friends with you when we meet sometime later in person.

I am the daughter of a typical herder family. I consider myself a very lucky person since I grew up listening to the amusing conversations of the local people, having fun with the locals, being friendly with others, and loving my country. From those people, I learned many things, such as how to help people, respect people, express myself, and find myself. That's why my dreams are related to these people and this land. Since I was born and raised in the countryside, I think I know better than anyone what the life of herders is like. There are almost no raw materials processing factories in the countryside, people do not even know where to go to learn about relevant technologies if they want to sell dairy products in packages, and there is a lack of supervision by the government which allows a veterinarian to sell medicine for humans.

Herders have the opportunity to see the benefits of a year's worth of work in the spring and have the risk of losing a whole life's worth of work during one Dzud. That is why I wish to establish a fund for rural herdsmen and protect their rights, starting with small projects like leather process-

ing technology, milk candy, and dung-paper projects, and researching equipment that can be directly utilized in any place to help herders. In order to reach my goal I chose the profession of financier. I don't have the power to change the world, let alone the country, but what I want to do is to be able to support at least 50 herding families in my hometown.

Having grown up wearing old clothes from my older relatives and using small numbers of new things in my childhood, how nice it is to dream that every herder family has a stable monthly income and a few animals, and is living a happy life with the introduction of new technology...

There is a saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way." I will not lose faith and try to achieve my dreams.

Thank you for appreciating my desire to learn to care for others. Thank you for judging me fairly. Thank you for trusting me and giving me a chance. Thank you very much.

I wish you all the good things that I wish for myself.





# Galina Oyundari

Greetings to you who are reading my little goals for this year! I am an eighteen-year-old who is excited with my goals and dreams, who has the desire to achieve a lot and become a useful person. My name is Galina Oyundari. This year I started a university, majoring in software engineering. I am a native of Murun soum, the capital of the Khuvsgul region.

The place where I was born and grew up is full of natural beauty, and hospitable and friendly people, and it is a place where tourists always visit. If you look at Murun Soum directly from above, it looks like the fences of the families have been lined up using a ruler. In the summer, it's best to sit on the lawn in the yard and chat with my mom and grandma. We also have a lot of green onions growing in our yard, so we benefit from them in the summer. This kind of pretty things are countless in my home town.

But just as there are two sides to everything, there are a few things missing in my home town. In my opinion, especially at this time when technology is bringing many positive changes such as making our lives easier and creating smart solutions, apart from secondary schools in Murun soum, the activity of educating children in this field and developing their skills is relatively weak compared to UB schools.

For example, although I studied information technology subject in secondary school and had heard the name of this profession many times, I had no idea what exactly these professions do, what their advantages and disadvantages are, and what opportunities they give us. But by a very lucky chance, I learned about it and took the first steps. I have no doubt that there are many children in Murun soum who have the same difficulties as me. That is why, with the help of my knowledge and experience, in a short period of time, I aim to establish a news and information club to become the right guide for children of Murun soum and other soums, to increase their knowledge in the field of technology, and to prepare them to become competent specialists from a young age.

For the longer term, I will use my knowledge of the technology industry to contribute to solving the problems of educational equity and access and aim to create an information technology curriculum that is taught in urban schools to students in remote and rural areas. Also, I really want to create a program to develop children's skills in the traditional Mongolian script. "Higher education" will play the most important role in this goal. In addition to the foundational and professional courses based on theoretical and practical knowledge to become a competent engineer, the university also offers other important skills that will help me realize my goals in this profession, such as teamwork, problem-solving, document management, and communication skills. Therefore, the university will definitely become a bridge to achieve my goals and dreams.

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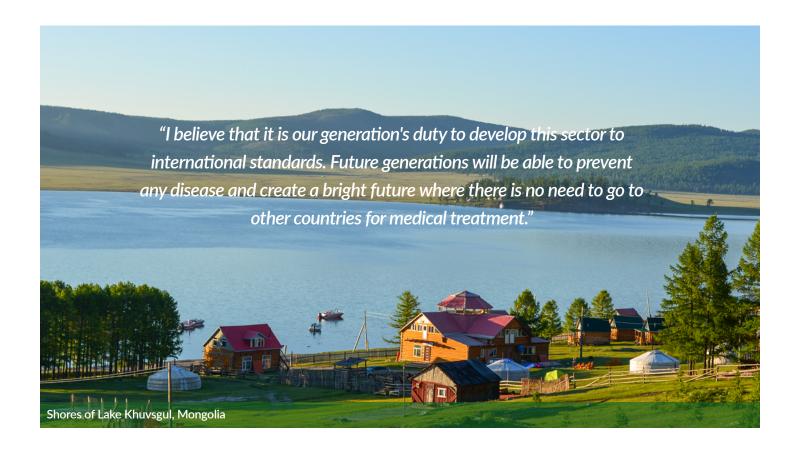
## Baasandulam, Davaakhuu

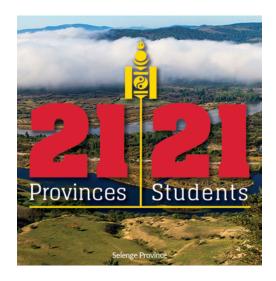
My name is Baasandulam, Davaakhuu. I grew up with my grandmother and mother in Murun soum, Khuvsgul province. My mom is a nurse, so she wasn't always with me when I was little. My grandmother took care of us since we were born and made us this far. Unfortunately, my grandmother passed away due to COVID-19 in 2021. Since then, I have lived with my mother. Now I am a freshman at the Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences.

Higher education not only allows me to acquire new knowledge and skills but also allows me to take advantage of personal and professional opportunities and expand my horizons as the first step toward my future goals. My future profession is to enable people who are struggling to live every moment to be with their beloved families. Later, I will establish a globally recognized hospital. It will be a highly qualified hospital that treats diseases that are currently being treated in developed countries such as Korea, Turkey, the US, etc. without a queue in my country.

The hospital would offer a very welcoming atmosphere, treat others properly, have a skilled team and patients from around the world would choose to come there to get treated. My specialty will be thoracic surgery - a physician deals with the organs of the thoracic cavity, such as the heart, lungs, and esophagus. the reason I am interested in this area is our country ranks first in terms of cardiovascular disease and lung and stom-

ach cancer because accurate diagnosis and treatment are poor. On average, eight out of ten people die from this disease every year. Therefore, I believe that it is our generation's duty to develop this sector to international standards. Future generations will be able to prevent any disease and create a bright future where there is no need to go to other countries for medical treatment.





The Objective of the 21|21 Initiative is to locate 21 Rotary clubs in the US to partner with Friends of Mongolia (FOM) in providing a full-tuition scholarship to a student from every province in Mongolia by the 2025-2026 academic year. It's an achievable goal for us and our potential partners at around \$1,400—\$1,900 per year/student.

Often, students will come to universities with overwhelming debt or the guilt of their family's sacrifice. Students will often attempt to work full-time jobs or multiple part-time jobs to pay off debt or send money back to their families in the countryside for basic necessities. Many times herder families will have to sell off part of their herd to come up with tuition fees. In Mongolia, the average income is about \$390 per month, making a college education hard to come by without a great deal of sacrifice.



Name	Gender	Rotary Sponsor	Province	University	Major	Grade	Program Length
Onzul Altanhuyag	Female	Rotary Club of Oakdale, CA	Selenge	National University of Mongolia	Philosophy	1	4
Amar Enhtal	Male	Allentown West Rotary Club	Selenge	Science and Technological University of Mongolia	Mechanical Engineer	1	4
Bilguutei TsendAyush	Male	Allentown West Rotary Club	Khovd	Education University of Mongolia	History/Tourism	1	4
Oyuntugs Narmandakh	Female	Allentown West Rotary Club	Khovd	University of Finance and Economy	Finance	1	4
Bulganbayar Nansaljav	Female	Allentown West Rotary Club	Khovd	University of Finance and Economy	Accountant	1	4



# **Onzul Altanhuyag**

I was born on August 30, 2005, in the General Hospital of Sukhbaatar soum, Selenge province, as the family's eldest daughter.

In 2007, I joined kindergarten No. 2 (Dambo kindergarten) in Altanbulag soum, Selenge province, and in 2008, I transferred to Nairamdal kindergarten No.1 in the soum, and graduated in 2010. In 2011, I joined a high school named after Rinchen.B. During my studies at school, I actively participated in clubs and developed versatile skills. Specifically, In the 6th grade, I joined the school's music club, learned to play the national harp, and successfully participated in many competitions during my 5-year study of this music.

In the 11th grade, I became one of the first 90 members of the "Youth Parliament 2021" program organized by the Chairman of the Parliament Zandanshatar.G, and was elected as a representative member of the Selenge province. As part of the program, I participated in parliamentary education, increased awareness of climate change, and volunteered. In 2021, I founded a new group called "Mini Parliament" in my school and was its leader. In 2022, I gave the succession to the next generation. In March 2022, I became a member of the Children's Council of Selenge province, and in July, a representative of Selenge province participated in the first "Tent Assembly" of the Mongolian Children's Council, a 3-day conference was held at the Nairamdal International Children's Camp. On

November 30, I was elected as the vice chair of the Children's Council of Selenge province and am currently working as the vice chair. I was selected as the "Outstanding Student of Soum" in 2022 and the best graduate of the school in 2023, and I graduated with the "Best Alumni" award from the Mongolian Students' Association.

In 2023, General admission test was given in five subjects: Mongolian history, Mongolian language, Social science, Mathematics, and English. Now, I am studying in the 1st course of the Philosophy class of the Department of Humanities at the School of Science of the National University of Mongolia.

#### **Amar Enhdal**

My name is Amar.

I was born as the third son of my family in Tsengel sum, Bayan-Ulgii province. I have applied to the 21|21 scholarship program from Selenge province.

I'm a first year student of Mechanical engineering at the Mongolian University of Science and Technology. I want to pursue this profession because I am creative, and I want to create new ideas for productivity. That's why I dream of seeing Mongolia lead in the world regarding technology and engineering. I want to participate and be a leader in this sector.

I want to invent new things that are useful to people, just like Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, Elon Musk, and Leonardo Da Vinci. I am moving forward step by step to achieve our dreams. Now that I have improved my English and started preparing for IELTS since last year. But after passing IELTS, (International English Language Testing System), I will apply for a graduate degree at the EPFL University.





# Bilguutei Tsend-Ayush

My name is Bilguutei Tsend-Ayush, and I am a freshman at the Mongolian State University of Education majoring in Historical and Cultural Tourism.

I graduated from Tsat-Altai Complex School of Khovd Province. I like to play sports and participate in many sports competitions organized in Khovd province. When finishing 12th grade, I was awarded a level 2 certificate for football from the provincial sports committee.

My hobbies are watching anime, playing computer games, traveling, watching movies, doing triathlons, and trying new things to challenge myself. In my free time, I like meeting my friends and playing basketball.

Becoming a student creates new experiences, entirely new dreams, and goals. I wish to get a quality education and to become a competent professional in the sector. Student life strengthens my independence, my goals and my future plans. I want to make the most of my time as a student.

# Oyuntugs Narmandakh

I was born on April 19, 2005, in Khovd province as the second child.

I lived in my hometown until I came to Ulaanbaatar as a university student this year. I have chosen the Financial Management program as my major. I am currently studying at the University of Finance and Economics.

My desire to mentor and guide people from an early age and a deep interest in mathematics led me to choose this career. However, one of the biggest problems I had in studying the major at the university of my choice was the financial problem. Financial freedom seems almost impossible these days unless your family owns a big business or is a high government official. This problem is also true for my family, which is living in a circle between loans.

It is very gratifying that many students like me are exempted from paying for the tuition fee with the help of the kind-hearted people of Friends of Mongolia and its donors. On the other hand, I also worry that many young people do not have this opportunity, and they are undoubtedly worried about their financial circumstances.

All of this is due to the government's and individuals' lack of financial knowledge. Therefore, it can be assumed that I can contribute to the betterment of everyone's understanding of finance and economic education.



Maybe it's a too ambitious goal for an ordinary girl like me to go for. Still, I believe that our country is just like a white paper. I want to spread this idea to as many people as possible, to enable them to understand and take advantage of their opportunities. Therefore, I will do well in Financial Management. After graduation, I would like to contribute to my country's development.



# Bulganbayar Nansaljav

Hello everyone. I'm Buganbayar Nansaljav.

I was born in Bulgan sum, Khovd province, and recently graduated from the first public high school in Khovd province.

I grew up in Khovd and was one of the good students for my teachers. Looking back now, those were years full of memories, passion for learning, and hope for the future. I am from a family of four: father, mother, and siblings. My father is a herdsman and a driver. He's tired of working hard in the cold of winter and the heat of summer—but more than that feeling, there are many things to be proud of: love and respect.

I am currently studying accounting at the University of Finance and Economics. Since childhood, it has been a fundamental goal for me to acquire higher education. While I'm a student at the university, I will try my best and aim to create a bright future that I will not regret when I look back. After completing my studies, I can contribute significantly to my country's development and future. I will use all the opportunities and mobilize myself to study—my goal for this academic year. I will study with a 3.5 GPA next semester. I can confidently say that "I will be many times more capable than I am now, and I will make my dreams come true." This will help me continue my scholarship, and I plan to volunteer 8-9 hours.

I also participate in the English-speaking club in my free time. As a high school student, I did a lot of grammar and reading, but I rarely had the opportunity to communicate with others in that language. In addition, I am aiming to be more independent and less financially dependent on my parents by doing a part-time job during my vacation. We believe that everyone's goals are equally valuable and important to us, no matter how big or small.

I realized from my friends and students that in the past, I spent long hours only studying and not paying attention to my physical development and health. Therefore, I think I will exercise as much as possible and care for my health. Also, participate in events such as ABC World (which provides information about studying abroad) and ROAD TO AUSTRALIA to increase your knowledge and experience.



## 2023-2024 MONGOLIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The FOM Leadership Scholarship is a new scholarship program beginning in 2023.

This scholarship fund was created in order to support Mongolian secondary school graduates wishing to study at some of the best state institutions of higher learning within the country.

It is the Friends of Mongolia's desire to annually fund full-tuition scholarships for students from low-income families in or around Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (including ger districts or suburbs) who serve as leaders in their community and/or family. Once selected, scholarship recipients are given preference for future awards if they are in good standing with the university during their term of study.



Name	Gender	Province	University	Major	Grade	Program Length
Dulguun Bayrjargal	Female	Ulaanbaatar	University of Finance and Economy	Banking	1	4
Hulan Sumiyabaatar	Female	Ulaanbaatar	Science and Technological University of Mongolia	Human Resource	1	4
Munkhmaa Mashsaikhan	Female	Ulaanbaatar	University of Agricultuare	Biotechnology	1	4

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# Dulguun Bayrjargal

I was born on July 21st, 2005 at the Cosmopolitan 3rd veterinary hospital and became the 2nd child of Batjargal's family. However I spent a warm childhood with my parents and grandparents. My father passed away by accident when I was 5 years old. At 3 years old I went to a kindergarten and then in 2011 at the age of 6, I graduated from the 92nd public school after 12 years.

Now I'm a freshman student of Bank finance at the University of Finance and Economics. In my free time I like to read books to travel to another world. Also improve my foreign language skills. What is my daily principle is to spread positive attitudes to others.

After a successful university degree, I seek to contribute to the future of my country as a skilled force in my country. My far-reaching goal is to create an environment in which future generations will be able to create a better society and provide an environment for learning in a safe and educationally accessible society.

Even though it is now far away, I am still trying to achieve that.

# Hulan Sumiyabaatar

I was born on July 14, 2005, as the youngest daughter of Sumiyabazar's family in Altai, province center, Gobi-Altai province. When I was two years old my mother passed away in 2007 and I lived with my grandparents and my sister lived with my father. In 2011, I migrated with my grandparents to Ulaanbaatar city.

This year I am a 1st year student of Human resource management at the University of Science and Technology. Right now however I'm unfamiliar with college student life. I'm pleased to mention that college subjects are more interesting than high school. Our school clubs' registration will start on the 20th of this month and I would like to be involved in some clubs which will help to develop myself and be a good habit in my future. First I've chosen my major based on my interest. After I met with senior students in the same profession I feel that I've made the right choice for my future.

When I pursue higher education in a 'Human Resource Management' profession, my psychological orientation knowledge is an advantage in my profession, so I choose to study in my chosen study class and choose a psychological book with my own interests to accumulate knowledge on this side.

By expanding this knowledge, I think it will be generous to me to emerge as a new product in the competitive human resources industry.



## 2023-2024 MONGOLIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### Munkhmaa Mashsaikhan

I was born in Ulaanbaatar in July 2005, as a middle daughter of a young, ordinary family. For the first nine years of my life, I was the only child until my younger sister arrived. Growing up, I was surrounded by a family that nurtured a passion for nature, particularly greenhouses, thanks to my mother's deep interest.

Our home was a haven for various plants, and I found joy in experimenting with them, observing their leaves, veins, and how they reacted to different treatments. From a young age, I began creating my little laboratory, using simple tools to inject water and other substances into the plants, and this fascination persisted throughout my childhood. Despite initially disliking biology during middle school, my interest took a significant turn in my first year of high school, particularly in the field of botany. When I entered university, the early months were a delightful shock as I delved into the vast realm of biotechnology, realizing the incredible breadth and potential of my chosen profession.

Biotechnology offers the ability to create valuable products, ranging from probiotic yogurt to solutions addressing pressing environmental concerns. I identified a significant issue in Mongolia and beyond—soil pollution. Addressing this, I envisioned a project focused on transforming sewage sludge, previously considered a waste product, into valuable soil fertilizer. This initiative aligns with Mongolia's efforts to manage sludge through

deodorization and soil enhancement, which was mandated by Government Resolution No. 73 on March 14, 2018. My vision involves industrializing this project, utilizing livestock waste and fallen leaves to create sustainable soil fertilizer for domestic and international markets. Years of diligent research and hard work will enable me to develop an exceptional product, paving the way for further exploration and potentially making this project a key component of my academic thesis. Looking forward, my ambition is to continue contributing to a greener, more sustainable world by creating environmentally friendly products.

I envision a future where my dedication to biotechnology will drive positive change and leave a lasting impact on our planet.

