

Motivation Letter

I am writing this statement to draw your attention for providing me a golden opportunity of KAAD scholarship grant in 2023. Since 2017, I have heard about the KAAD scholarship program with the admirable objective which offers twice a year. For your consideration, the reason why you should provide me the scholarship grant and why I am a better fit to receive the scholarship of KAAD will be elaborated in the following paragraphs.

Firstly, KAAD has been providing grant offers to young people from the developing countries who are enthusiastic to contribute positive efforts to their community and to make changes in the social and cultural differences within their respective countries. Myself as a young and Kachin ethnic Consultant for mental health and psychosocial support work, I have been supporting my community to improve their overall wellbeing in the situation of living in depressive living circumstances. In Myanmar, the civil war was started for more than seventy years ago in Kachin State, and the intense armed conflict resumed ten years ago hence people's psychological needs are growing day by day. I worked as a Field Officer, Project Officer, Community Worker Mentor, Women Protection and Empowerment Prevention Officer for prevention and response activities for internally displaced people who have been facing the gender-based violence. With those solid experiences, I am currently providing technical and clinical psychosocial support to my hometown community of Kachin State, especially women and girls. While supporting them, I could notice that I must advance my academic knowledge to better support them however, I am the eldest sister among my five siblings and my parents don't afford my further education. Therefore, I am making this effort to apply the KAAD scholarship grant.

Secondly, I will express my future contribution plan after completing my master's degree. Due to strong patriarchy norms in Myanmar, especially in Kachin State, women and girls are not seeking the basic needs and psychological support transparently. Moreover, most of them only speak the Kachin ethnic language. Under the two reasons, they are not easily accessible to the psychosocial support, such as reluctant to receive services from male service providers and language barrier because very few providers speak Kachin language. To reduce those two barriers for mental health and psychological service provision in Kachin State, Myanmar, I would like to become one of the female professional counselors who speaks the same ethnic language with the clients to respond their immediate needs. After that, I will conduct formal and informal advocacy meeting with traditional committee members, villagers, community leaders and other authorities to be aware the basic mental health knowledge and the importance of psychosocial support in the patriarchy society. As an experienced and motivated professional service provider, I do believe I can become a superior resource person for my community and KAAD can be the supportive contributor to implement this plan.

In conclusion, I would like to restate my proposal confidently that I can achieve the success during the two-years of study program. With this scholarship grant, I will earn my degree at Assumption University focusing on Master of Science in Counseling Psychology to enlighten my skills and knowledge to better support mental health and psychosocial support intervention which essential services are to prevent and improve the overall wellbeing of people in Kachin State, Myanmar.

Sincerely yours,