

Dear Professor Jing Wang,

Hello, my name is Tatum Thornton. I am from Detroit, MI and am currently a rising senior at the University of Michigan obtaining a BFA through the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design with a minor in entrepreneurship. I am writing you today to express my deepest gratitude, and thank you so very much for your generous contribution towards my study abroad program: Stamp's art for change program in Japan this spring.

With this scholarship, I will be able to gain a deeper knowledge in working towards an area of my interest. My concentration is graphic design and digital arts with experience working in marketing, advertisement, and branding through classes as well as my graphic design internship that I hold with U of M's Auxiliary Marketing department. I love the different depths of design you can reach in this field, and how it has the ability to escalate brands to new heights. I am always eager to take on a new project, and although my website is under construction here is my current domain <https://totthorn.wixsite.com/design/>. Through my entrepreneurial endeavors however, I want to help bring back into all Detroit Public Schools (DPS) and eventually to public school systems similar to DPS, across the country, a mentorship and funding program to keep art programs running within this K-12 school district. Having the opportunity to see how a different culture has successfully integrated art into a curriculum that is clearly effective, not only strengthens my proposal, but most importantly will show and remind me of my purpose: why I desire to go into an art and design field, and proof of the impact that creativity has on the world, especially when it comes to matters of social change.

This opportunity may not have been possible without your contribution, which is truly a blessing to me financially, and is allowing me to participate in a program that will impact my life forever. It is truly amazing how you are carrying on the legacy of your daughter by blessing and impacting the lives of so many. I could never thank you enough for your generosity, and I am extremely honored to have been selected to receive a scholarship with such meaning behind it. Thank you once again, and if you need to reach out to me please feel free to reach me by my email, [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Tatum Thornton