

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

As the general chair, I am indeed honored to pen the first words on the proceeding of the 2010 Essay Writing Contest. As mentioned in the call, our main goal of the contest is to help students planning for their studies in developed countries.

It is my great pleasure to inform that the essay writing contest, organized by the International Training & Education Center (ITEC), in collaborating with our partner universities was a great success. We received 128 papers coming from 66 high schools throughout the country. Each submission was reviewed by 5 reviewers coming from our partners and ourselves. The quality of the writing was fairly high. I wish we could give scholarship to any student submitting good-quality essay.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Contest Organizing Advisor, Prof. Duong Anh Duc, Mr. Nguyen Trong Phuoc, Mr. Hoang Ngoc Hung, Mr. Tran Cong Danh, Mr. Mai Van Cuong and Ms. Nguyen Lan Anh for their value advice and help.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks to all the students who participated in the contest as well as all English teachers who encouraged their students to submit such quality essays.

Please join me in extending a great appreciation to our partners for all their hard work and contribution in making this contest a success: Auckland University of Technology (AUT, New Zealand), [www.aut.ac.nz](http://www.aut.ac.nz), University of West England (UWE).

James Cook University Brisbane (JCUB, Australia), [www.jcub.edu.au](http://www.jcub.edu.au)

Griffith University (Australia), [www.griffith.edu.au](http://www.griffith.edu.au)

University of the Fraser Valley (UFV, Canada), [www.ufv.ca](http://www.ufv.ca)

Thompson Rivers University (TRU, Canada), [www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca)

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, (UNCP, USA), [www.uncp.edu](http://www.uncp.edu)

Last but not least, I wish all the participants to have a great summer. Please do contact us with your ideas or suggestions to improve the next contest in 2011.

**Dr.Quan Vu**

People nowadays tend to study abroad a lot, that goes without saying. So many people have gone for it, that students as well as their parents hardly set out their own purposes before following in others' foot steps. It is like a new trend that nobody would miss a chance to catch up with it. However, to me, the only things that matter are that: how would it benefit me and how would i use this opportunity to benefit my nation.

Studying abroad means experiencing a new education system. I am not saying that it is a better one, but it is definitely something new, more interesting, more challenging. We have seen lots of students from the USA traveling all the way from Africa to Vietnam – a country which is considered to be smaller and lower developed – for a chance to study. To think of some pupils who would travel thousand miles to a remoted place to study rather than stay at their own sweet home with better educational condition; some people may think that they are insane. In fact, it is not. Nothing is perfect, no matter how great or splendid it is. And at the same time, everything is unique in their own way, so we can't just tell which is better so immediately. Some students find a hole in their education; they need to fix it; they come to a foreign country in their attempt to find something that can refill that hole. And so am I. I am an ambitious person, you can say. I want to experience new things, new environments in pursuit of perfection in my education. I want to sharpen my skills, train my abilities and be able to do my very best in everything. I want a place where I can be myself without holding back. And that is what a scholarship abroad would do for me.

And what can I do for my nation? Well, I am not so sure, either. But I am sure of one thing. Investing in education would never be called a waste, that's what my mom says. And I find it right, somehow.

That's the first thing a person can do to help his men. Every single person should know that if they have good education, they will take their nation another step nearer to civilization. So, the key is civilization. And what is it supposed to mean? It means an as-good-as-possible education, further industrial development and a bright future ahead for the country. So much for a single person you may think, but they will all be fruitful as long as you keep the faith and try as well as you can. And it will be just a matter of time till you reach that ideal state of society.

All in all, studying abroad would be a really tough and problematic matter if we don't set our own goals before going for it. I know exactly what I am going for and why am I going for it. I have purposes that I will try to fulfill no matter what it takes. And I believe that, this opportunity will take me farther than I have ever expected, to not only grant my wish but also create a better nation.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HOÀNG NGÂN HÀ</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Vũng Tàu

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In my opinion, suppose that I am offered a scholarship to study abroad in a developed country, I will make full use of every chance I have to accumulate my knowledge, establish a bright future. Concurrently, I know that the Youth is a future of any country, a country which wants to develop, more stronger in International, it needs to have many creative Youth. Therefore, the knowledge completion, the skills for myself are very important because the Human's knowledge is just a grain of sand in a large Desert. I will make suitable use of this scholarship because I want to become a part of community International by studying and creating, based on original values of my national character in many domains. I want

to lead my country to your country to learn more things we don't know and share something we knew. Thank you very much!!!!

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Bài dự thi	27
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHAN THỊ THẢO NGHI</b>
Trường	THPT Gia Định, Hồ Chí Minh

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Every night, on the way home from my extra-class, I've always felt so sad because of an old pitiful woman who sold lottery tickets. The darker it was, the sadder she felt because of the lottery tickets which were left much. She was supposed to be taken care of by her children. Saigon at night is cold and full of dangers. I've been wondering if I could help her. But actually, I can't. Because, I'm just a student, what can I do for her with no money, no career? And since then, I'm determined to study harder. The only way to help other people is your success.

I want to be an interpreter. That's my career's objective. Everything I'm doing now is preparation for my future. English and Japanese are foreign languages I've been learning. In order to learning better, everyday, I try my best to revise all skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing. But listening and speaking skills aren't easy to practice in my country when studying facilities aren't convenient enough and the periods with foreign teachers are too few. I've known a girl whom I used to study Japanese with. She is now in France. Before going to France, she did not know even a little French. But after 3 months, she can speak with people there. So amazing. Therefore, if I have a chance to study abroad, I'm definitely sure that my listening and speaking skills will improve a lot.

Successful man is not a lazy one. When you study abroad, beside studying hard, you could never stop observing and learning from surrounding area, especially about that country's outstanding

culture. There's something we can't learn from books, but we can infer from real experiences. If I can get a scholarship and go abroad, in my new school, I will cooperate with some Vietnamese friends and set up a club. That club, named "Vietnam-for the world", is where we share and tell everyone about our country. Because I see that there're a lot of people who haven't heard about Vietnam. Of course, at first, I will be in few troubles. But I can make it. 'Necessity is the mother of invention'. Thanks for usually communicating with others, I will gradually complete my shortcoming skills and be confident when standing in front of the crowd.

When being an interpreter, I will bring perfect images of Vietnam to everyone I meet. I'm resolved to attain my objective. I'll succeed and help the old and the poor who are in the same boat like the woman I've seen. You might laugh and think that how many people I can help. 1, 10, 100 ...surely I can't help everyone. But so what? I'm not the only one in my country. There's a lot of people who think like me, who will succeed and help pitiful residents. The Vietnamese nation is one. Step by step, Vietnam is gradually developing and one day, that old poor woman's image won't appear again in our country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHAN ĐIỂM THÙY</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hồ Chí Minh

Looking the birds spreading their wings, withstanding the wind to fly up high into those unknown regions of the earth has aroused a desire in me to cross the oceans, to touch the world, to discover the lands beyond my immediate confines. And studying abroad in a

developed country will probably slake my thirst for knowledge as well as fulfill myself.

Firstly, if I had such a chance, the question would be how I will take full its advantage. As far as I'm concerned, the field of knowledge is so extensive and life is so brief that the most wise man can never expect to know everything, therefore I try to attain proficiency in only a small fraction of it. A country with a developed economy can greatly provide facilities for my study. In addition, the good material condition will keep me easily access to the various sources of knowledge and have more opportunities to put into practice what I've learned at the university. By that way, I can update the latest news throughout the world to extend my mind always.

Nowadays, more and more students around the world come to challenge themselves in a whole foreign country, and that makes a multi-racial community. Such a community is like a small world with various types and races of people in it, which can teach me to respect the views and beliefs of people of other races and show me a lot about the cultures of one another, more than what I could have learned through the books or internet.

Now, I know how to use that chance to assist my future, the next problem is how to contribute it to the progress of Viet Nam. Uncle Ho said that it's our responsibility to catch up with those powerful countries on the world. "In unity there is strength", we must associate with each other to make further improvements in the country for the benefit of the people. As a representative of Vietnamese studying abroad, I have to absorb selectively what I've learned from the allies to apply them correctly. Vietnamese is well-known for our hospitality, let's use it as a strong point to popularize our country to the world. More and more contributions will be dedicated as long as Vietnamese people, specially the youth, stay together as a united bloc.

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Họ và tên thí sinh **MAI ANH**

Trường **THPT Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh**

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If a person asks me what do I do if I got a scholarship to study abroad as a developed country, I will sure tell them that it is a great opportunity for me to have a better education so that I may have a brighter future. Therefore, I should take the chance to study hard for the future and study about the advanced society of the developed country.

There are many way to succeed in life. However, if you have a scholarship to study, that is the chance you need to take because you will have a better knowledge in your field of study to be a better man for the job. Nowadays, finding a good carrier is just like a battle so you would need all the preparation you could have so a boosted in knowledge is never redundant. For example, in choosing an employer, the employee always look at the experience first then after that the degrees.

Moreover, if you go aboard for study, not only would you have a better education but also a better view of how could their country be called developed. Since in Vietnam, one of the most hurting problems is that many people are lack of communicated culture. Therefore, when I come back to Vietnam, I will have learned how to improve the communication method of myself and other people around me to help Vietnamese become better in foreigners' eyes.

In short, if I have the chance to study abroad, I would surely return to Vietnam to work and live because nowhere like home and the worse it is the harder should we try to improve it.

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Bài dự thi	30
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐÀO NHẬT PHƯƠNG</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thị Minh Khai, Hà Chí Minh

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First, I sincerely thank to the organization board including the panel of judges from University of Science and other countries. It's very kind of you to offer Vietnamese students an occasion to join this interesting English contest and also an opportunity to get precious scholarships.

Many countries in the world are famous for their education system which gives the students best conditions to improve. Nowadays it has become a trend that many students choose to study abroad even when they have not already finished high school. It's also a fortune for people whose family can afford the issue of financial sources. Of course, in comparison with Vietnam, other foreign countries have more effective methods and facilities that help students promote their ability and come near to success easier.

I was born in a family which's not very well-off. My father and sister started working very soon and they're both workers. My sister didn't have a chance to go to university, so I am now everyone's only hope. Therefore, I go in for this contest, with all my enthusiasm and aspiration, not only to prove my skills but also to show how I come up with my dream.

What if I could be able to study abroad with a scholarship given by some school or university? For the shake of my family's expectation and personal determination, I'll do the best for myself and even for my country. I have two plans – one in the short term and one in the long term.

In short term, the first thing to think about is how to live and study in a strange country. It's obvious that I should carefully search for some information to basically understand how the people live and

how the education system works. Those essential things may help me accommodate myself to living there. In addition, knowing more details about the specialty in which I'll major is one of the most important missions. I intend to specialize in tourism, which has become essential in the service industry and has attracted many people who want to apply for high positions in this top field.

Surely, I will try to become a self-taught student. I calculate on personal learning that can be an effective method to succeed. Practicing English everyday can take effect in helping me improve language skills that I have to manage fluently in my study. In addition, to deepen the professional knowledge, I need to refer to books and other material which is now easily found on Internet or in libraries. Of course, learning from classes is not enough. It's necessary that I learn from friends or people who have high experience. Besides, I will try on getting some other scholarships in university. This can bring me benefits such as a chance to be supported with school fees and to sum up experiences both for life and for my knowledge.

On the other hand, I should consider the financial resources. Although offered scholarship, I may find it's difficult paying for life's demands. I should draw up a plan of saving along with spending money sensibly on things I really need... The first one or two years, I will properly need some help from my parents. But gradually, I account on myself to live independently and no longer subject to them.

One step closer to my future plan, I intend to join some social activities. Contributing to the society is a good way to fall in line with people and improve communicative competence. I've heard that many universities in the world really appreciate this as a way to consider if a student has both professional knowledge and the will of dedicating or not.

In the long term, I have a lot of ideas. After graduating, working in tourism is my choice. I've grown up in Vietnam, where used to be

stagnant in poverty, and we're trying to develop. My hope is to return to my hometown and work in some travel company. Tourism plays an important roll in the national economy. HCM city is one of the biggest cities in Vietnam. But actually, a lot of people there are living in very poor conditions. I still remember my poor friends who started working so soon, just at the age of fifteen or eighteen, like my sister. They are not well-educated because of poverty and low awareness. In my opinion, travelling is firstly for relaxing, but we should care about the culture and people's life in the country we visit. Therefore, I want to integrate travelling and social activities. In a tour, I will organize some interesting programs of entertainment to raise fund for charity along with investing in some provinces to develop the strong point of each place – for instance, traditional trade villages. Tourists can enjoy the tour and also participate in my programs to help the poor better their life. I hope the Department of Tourism can support me for the project. If my plan work well, I will expand it by liking to other countries. Some boards of charity with which I work while studying abroad may offer their great help.

In general, by that way, I really expect my contribution to Vietnam to be beneficial. But now I have to make an effort to improve myself with long preparations which are essentially incident to hard study. Even if I have a chance to go abroad or not, I will try my best enthusiastically.

Again, I appreciate your offering me this good chance. Special thanks to you with best regard.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HUỖNH TRẦN SONG HÀ</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Bến Tre, Bến Tre

Nowadays, there are many countless reasons to study abroad. In my opinion, study abroad makes us open view of life, enhance employment opportunities and develop our country.

I would utilize study abroad as an opportunity as well as a challenge, suppose that I am offered a scholarship in a developed country. Study abroad affords us to receive a high quality education in an international auditorium. A degree from the college or university in the developed countries is recognized throughout the world. The world continues to become more globalized, companies from countries around the world invest in the international market including in Viet Nam. Therefore, we really need students who have studied abroad can understand global issues, appreciate the cultures of other countries, and have the skills to work successfully in an international context. Vietnamese students are famous for smartness, hardiness and we are totally proud of them. What we learn is what we contribute to the development of our country. Study abroad can change our country in the bright sight since it creates opportunities for Viet Nam to cooperate in Asia as well as in other continents.

Study abroad not only learns knowledge in the auditoriums, in materials but also learns the living skills. My elder sister has studied abroad in Australia for two years. I shared the sadness with her while she used to face with problems for the first time to live in foreign country as well as the happiness after she was received first salary on the job training. Her choice helps me to find my own way for my future and I never ever regret. It teaches us the feeling of dropping back, standing up and stepping over. I am a seventeen-year-old girl, I have many ambitions and study abroad is the first goal. Being a business woman in the future, I know the adaptability is important. People say: "Travel as a means of education". I believe if I put my step on many lands, I will hunt for new experiences which are helpful for my future. By the way, study abroad provides the chance to venture out and explore our surroundings. While abroad, I meet not only natives to the culture in which I am studying but also other international students who are as far from home as myself.

Therefore, I can make friends around the world to open my relationships. I myself am a Vietnamese, I will make use of studying abroad to introduce my friends about Viet Nam by “Ao Dai”. Besides, the challenges always happen while we live in a strange country. We have to face with it, to step over it and to learn from it. I believe all the challenges will make us grow up gradually.

Finally, study abroad helps one to know about the differences of the various countries of the world. One sees with one’s own eyes and remembers things which are not written about in any book. Study abroad is not only my ambition but Vietnamese students’. Therefore, all things we need to do are to keep on trying and never give up hopes.

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Bài dự thi	34
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHẠM THỊ ĐAN HẠNH</b>
Trường	THPT Đức Trọng, Lâm Đồng

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Studying abroad, in my opinion, is a great chance to improve my abilities in all aspects of life. Suppose I receive a scholarship to study abroad, I will definitely utilize that chance to reach my targets, to satisfy my desires to discover what the advantages of developed countries over developing countries are, and to answer the question: how I can take advantage of this scholarship in order to benefit not only myself but my country as well.

I have every reason to grab this chance. In comparison to Vietnam, developed countries are places where the economies are long-standing and stable, where I can study better experiential lessons about business. A good education is an essential foundation for a good knowledge and we all need knowledge to achieve things. Moreover, in new environments, I can gain more confidence, independence, communicative skills and improve my understanding of different cultures.

From the comprehension of the potentialities of this chance, I have planned objectives for my future. Firstly, I will try my hardest to study in every field concerned with business. Besides, I will work in as many part-time jobs as possible and join volunteer organizations. Consequently, I can learn about trading, understandings of customers; help new students who have just been studying abroad; create relationships; gain social experiences, practical skills, confidence and fluency in languages. These factors will support my intention to establish a fashion business in Vietnam as my passions are fashion and trading.

In addition, as a young Vietnamese person, I have a duty for my motherland. I know Vietnam is still in need of learning from developed countries. I want to bring knowledge and experiences earned from abroad back to my country; give more chances for more people; have a small part in the general development of Vietnam including domestic economy and society. From many tiny contributions of young people like us, I believe Vietnam can become stronger and wealthier. As a result, my children, my grandchildren, or anybody in my place... can have as equal chances as anyone can.

Therefore, to achieve all these things, I have to learn and work ceaselessly. There are many difficulties in the place I am going to study in: differences of culture, society, language... especially the new competitive environment. These things may distract me sometimes. But I have the energy, flexibility and enthusiasm of youth. Furthermore, I need more challenges in order to develop. I believe that I have enough determination and endurance to overcome them, to reach the targets and to prove that I totally can be responsible for my own life.

If somebody gives me a chance, I will gratefully take it. If nobody gives me a chance, I will go myself to find it. Here in Vietnam or somewhere in the world, I am going to reach my goals. I am living with over 100% energy to push myself to the limit, to cover the way I have chosen and to affirm that I can become the one I want to be.

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Bài dự thi	35
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VŨ HỒNG NGỌC</b>
Trường	THPT Gia Định, Hồ Chí Minh

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Ladies and Gentlemen! I am really honour and happy to stand on the stage today to receive this valuable scholarship. It means that from now on I have a chance of a lifetime to study abroad in a developed country.

In my opinion, getting a scholarship is not a success yet. In other words, it is only a helpful way for me to approach a developing education and absorb more knowledge that is useful. I am having a great opportunity to make my dream true. Especially, I have to make the most of time.

Firstly, choosing an appropriate major at college is very necessary for students. I am going to learn political science or economics in order to contribute a useful part to my country. Although I really admire Indira Gandhi and Margaret Thatcher, who were famous politicians, I decide to study economics because it has been my dream since I was a little child. Economics is difficult for girls but I believe in my ability.

Secondly, it is always said “On the way to success, there is no trace of lazy men”. At university, students have to spend much more time studying by them than learning in auditorium. In addition, the way professors teach students in other countries is very different from mine. Consequently, most of my time should be spent on researching, reading books at the library or asking my professors to explain what I do not understand. However, you cannot study all the time. I think I ought to join in some activities at school such as Vietnamese student abroad association or to be a member of benevolent society. So that I am able to go to the hospitals for helping the old and play with mentally retarded children. After the first year, I will apply for a part-time job for more experience and

relationship. That may help me in the future. Experience must be bought, so I must try my best.

Thirdly, after graduating from university with flying color, I decide to return to Vietnam as soon as possible. Then, I will apply for a small or medium-sized enterprise in order to store up lots of experience. In two or three years, I change another company, which can use up all my ability. Despite many challenges, studying abroad is an important part. This helps open the door to success. About ten years later, I will be the youngest woman who owns a global company. Many international companies will invest huge capital expenditure into Vietnam because it is a potential market. People will have more jobs and lives will be better. Our economy will quickly improve.

Finally, studying abroad is not only a wonderful opportunity but also is a hard challenge for me as well as students who want to prove them oversea. It all depends on me. Thank you!

Bài dự thi	36
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>Klinkesorn NGUYỄN AN HÒA</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hồ Chí Minh

...I now stand in front of Oxford University, admission letter to study Physics in hand, an opportunity of a lifetime. Is this a dream? Or is this an illusion my mind is playing on me? I realized, right then, this was the point of no return. What must I do? What must I do to succeed and excel in the future? How must I utilize this unique challenge to benefit myself, my country?

Learning is a lifelong process, but studying hard and consistently is a different matter. "Practice makes perfect", as my mother has always reminded me. An invisible race has begun, a race of knowledge and

understanding, in which sprinting at your best speed could still be shy of being left behind, and losing focus for mere seconds could spell disaster. I knew then, deep down, that I would have to work, work harder than ever before, to win.

But even then, pure labor is not enough. Just like running a marathon, efficiency now comes into play. I must think. Think deep for the winning combination of study methods and would help me maximize my learning capabilities. Recalling accounts upon accounts of others telling me: “Your memory is just like a sieve”, I simply thought: “Why not start from here?”

Lastly, I needed a plan, a “game plan” to guide me in my efforts to conquer knowledge. Step by step, I would overcome my difficulties and deficiencies. They can be my decaying memory, or perhaps my laziness. All I needed to do was follow the plan to the best of my abilities. But I am not alone. All the opportunities and aids I needed were already in reach. Experienced educators would guide me whenever I deviate from the right path, both in terms of knowledge and personality. All I needed to do was grasp them.

Then, after five, or ten years maybe, I would come home. I would return to my homeland, the very place I had left behind in search of wisdom and enlightenment of the mind. “All the wisdom I have gathered, would it all have been of no use if I had never used it to help build my country? How can I not do my part as a child of my nation?” I thought to myself. It dawned on me then how I could contribute my part in building my country to be a better place. I would teach all who are willing to learn of the world, of its miracles and mechanics. So that one day, some would build skyscrapers here in Vietnam, so high, so magnificent it would dwarf the Burj Dubai. Others would extend the knowledge of Physics and natural sciences in general further than ever imagined possible, securing Vietnam’s reputation of a leading nation in the field of natural sciences worldwide as I have, still, and always will strive to achieve.

...I awoke from the strangest dream, a dream that has altered the course of my life forever. My goal was set. I am going to Oxford.

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Bài dự thi	37
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐẶNG TẮT THẮNG</b>
Trường	THPT Phan Châu Trinh, Đà Nẵng

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The dream of getting a scholarship and being overseas student studying in England comes true after I have spent a hard-working time at school. Now I'm officially about to start my first year of a Business Management Honors Degree. This scholarship is the best chance for my future, my family and my country.

I really want to travel around the world. In addition, I also like experiencing the feeling of standing in front of customers to point out the development project in the future. That's why I dreamed of becoming a great businessman.

Studying in a country which is far from my country has many difficulties and good conditions. To overcome these challenges, first of all, I'll study hard to receive open more doors into the future. Being an international student, I'm more mature and confident. However, I believe that the most important concepts that I have espoused in being independent of my parents deal with being a cosmopolitan person. Now I learn useful knowledge at the university. Day by day, the course develops my knowledge and understanding of management. These have obviously been the most valuable assets in making myself irresistible to potential employers. In addition, a key part of my course which I'm taking is the constant development of the skills needed to succeed in the business environment. I hope to be a successful businessman owning a company which has a big reputation all over the world.

To study well and get many achievements at the university, I keep a good health. I love doing sports and taking part on sports clubs as badminton, volleyball. Doing sports makes me feel comfortable and relaxed. I really, really want to see the tennis flying slowly over the net.

Next, I am planning to join in some social activities to help abandoned children and poor elderly people. In Vietnam, I spent my free time on volunteering and being a member of MT FOUNDATION – a fund raised for the unlucky children. For me, volunteering is one of the best ways to achieve my goals related to self-development and also live a fulfilled and happy life everywhere. Being a volunteer, I have had heaps of amazing, mind-opening experiences. I have achieved more than I expected. Besides, I love watching the happiness on children's smiling faces. Now I want to tell you a real story which I would never forget:

“One day, I was on the way to my home, I saw an old man needing a help to across the road. At that time, a child walked up to the woman, handed in hand and helped the woman pass the road. After getting the child's help, the woman didn't thank the child. Then she glanced, screamed loudly at the child. Turning to his father with an angry, he asked his father why the woman behaved so. The father smiled and said: “You shouldn't hope to receive any thanks after helping someone. If you hope so, you shouldn't help”. This story has given me a meaningful lesson: “For it is in giving that we receive”. It shows me how to love and to give my lucky to the others around me.

On TV, I know that Vietnam – my mother country have joined in the WTO. It's vital to the country's opportunities of maintaining its rapid economic growth and achieving its dream of escaping the ranks of the world's poor country by the following years. But every year, the country needs to create a million new jobs for its young population and some economists are worried that the economy may not be able to deliver. I'm a citizen of Vietnam and I love it.

Vietnam has many beautiful sites such as Marble Mountain, Halong Bay... which attract thousands of visitors each year. After graduating, I'll continue making dream of improving the economy of Vietnam come true.

In several years, I'll have globally recognized qualifications. And I realize how important it is to show initiative to get a golden opportunity rather than simply waiting. So Vietnam has opened the door to me and my family. Vietnam! I love it! I'll turn back to build more and more high buildings, poetic nice streets... and my future...

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Bài dự thi	39
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐÔNG THANH HẢI</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hà Chí Minh

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Nowadays , studying abroad is a great chance for any student to widen their mind and to me , getting a scholarship to study abroad is a great opportunity to achieve my future goals and develop my country .

Many student had their chance to study abroad but not all of them come back to help their own country . The reason is that they like the quality of their life in those country . They have succeeded but they forget to do duty with their country. So what I am going to do during the time I study that is I am going to persuade every Vietnamese students who are studying their to come back to help Viet Nam when we finish studying . in this way I can help to develop our country faster .

I have been asking myself a question for a long time . That question is : “ Why the student in our country study better than many developed country but we still slower than them ? ”. I thought that it was because we do not have enough practice but now I know that

practice is just a small part of the problem. The bigger problem is that our education system is not complete. Student in our country stay at home doing homework everyday and they do not have time to dig deep into what they have learned. Student in other country they are not like us , they study in a completely different way from ours. They study what they like and practice on it as much as they can because they just have to focus on what they have chosen to study. I will try to learn the way they organize their education system and when I come back I can help to improve our education system. Nothing is more important than education .

I think that doing duty with my country is the best way to achieve my goal because once I do it well , my parents will be happy and proud of me. And I believe that our government will help me because we are Vietnamese and we help each other to make our country better. Wherever I go and whatever I do , I do it for my family and my country.

In my future I want to be a doctor , and my only goal is being the best doctor in the world so that I can take care of my parents and help many people. I know doctor is a hard work to do but I like it because if I become a doctor I can help sick people . I heard that there are a lot of doctors in our country but not all of them are clean . they are not helping people , they just want to get money from people and it is not right to do that when we are doctors. I want to change this fact , doctor meant to help people not trick people. For all this I will try my best to study and I will change the face of our country.

In the end I want to say that if I get a scholarship to study abroad, I will do my best to study to return my family and my country's favor

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỊ THANH LOAN</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Hữu Cầu, Hồ Chí Minh

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Anyone in each of us probably have their own dream life. It can be a big dream like participating in the political arena of the world, making the analysis period, unprecedented greatness; the new invention of the scientific research works bunch of cool and useful for life, for human civilization. It can be a talent doctor, engineer or even is simply an ordinary human being glad to live only with people we love ...There are drips dream, and we can see, every dream has its own meaning. But anyway it behind the dreams to be successful are those efforts and non-stop fighting.

Particularly, I just have a simple dream in my life. It is to live forever with the one I love. That's it ....But to get that kind of life, I know me have to fight and win, to be able to achieve that dream, the dream that I've hand drawn sketches in my high school during the period. . So in spite of wanting a life of peace, serenity, I still do not allow myself a moment stop. To achieve my disire, but I would not say devolves out here, I have tried to study and pursue international relations industry that I have chosen. So from the days of innocence sat on the high school, raising my own desire to study abroad, was flown to the new heaven, wings add to the knowledge base that I nurtured for so long ... And I design thinking that's not only me but there's not less the young, in an era of integration as it is now, wishes to study and learn many new things from other countries, especially developing countries. It really is a precious wish. And so I always appreciate opportunities like that gave to my life. Simply that we can not live passive like that forever, just stand by some loss figs, due to chance only a few times in our ife so we have to catch to achieve our dreams and enrich the country. So when there was an opportunity to study from a developing country, I think i will have the review of myself in the background during a dozen years of my

study to see steady or not, review learning attitude is serious or not and self-check of my foreign languages myself is good or not... for adjusting myself carefully before deciding on a not small turning point in life and not to humiliate me and my family, also for not disappointing people who actually believed when they awarded me the scholarship. Also I would receive more comments family, friends as well as from the other reliable information for non-stop efforts. I certainly would agree with that scholarship. And because learning is the endless long road and the knowledge we have is only just little grain of sand between the vast sea. .... Lenin once said :“ Study, study more, learn forever”, so I always thought it necessary to have to strive every day. Especially with scholarships that people were assigned me with the trust, I must chanm only studies that follow my way, always filter everything done properly experienced for me. I will not miss a valuable opportunity in life and do everything exactly right, from there to become a man useful to society, and to enrich my country, my homeland . And also to the lives of people around this world more beautiful, more meaningful. For every dream will blossom like a flower, really fresh, grow beautifully between this life garden.

"To live is to fight" ,I have already knew that for a long time and really have always wanted to try to live all my life for it, to always make sense, for me always be happy, fun, for people around me always feel good because of what I have tried. All I desire and fight is just that ... living and working hard for everyone, for life. This article is the line I just see the secret heart of ideal living and studying for my dream, only hope will be sympathetic when someone read it. With me, here is not just a competition but a place to confided every word, every secret dream to be presented, for the wings flying to the high and beautiful horizon.

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Họ và tên thí sinh **NGUYỄN THỊ NGỌC LY**  
Trường THPT chuyên Hùng Vương, Gia Lai

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Studying abroad is a good chance for any of us to broaden our knowledge and have an active lifestyle. If I have a chance to study abroad, I will be carefully prepared to adapt to the new environment, learn from the new environment as well as introduce Vietnam to them, and contribute to the development of my country after I graduate.

First, I will be carefully prepared to adapt to the new environment. I will try to improve my English skills by joining English speaking clubs as well as practicing with my friends. Furthermore, I will learn the culture of the country where I will go to. It would be a great experience to go to these countries and study their culture, their art and their history. Those will help me to adapt to the new environment faster. I know there will be many challenges due to cultural and ideological differences. However, with my strength and my will, I believe I can overcome all. I will prepare a spirit of optimism, being self-confident and accepting changes. Studying abroad gives me a chance to improve myself and mentally prepare to face difficulties. There will be many times when I feel lonely, lost. This makes me disoriented easily. So I myself have to get the will and determination to overcome obstacles. Good health also helps us so much on our new way. Therefore, having a suitable physical training program is essential.

Second, I will take the chance to learn from the new environment and introduce Vietnam to them. I will take advantage of the language environment to learn the language. Learning the culture through activities and daily interactions not only perfects my language ability but also broadens my knowledge. Studying in a developed country gives me a good chance to get more in-depth study of my chosen field of study. I can meet many experts so I can

learn from them how to analyze and solve problems effectively, as well as logical thinking. In addition, I will also find a part time job, by which I can know more about the society, the market and dynamic work styles. I'm aware that I'm going there to study not to enjoy. I will study hard, try to get excellent grade when I graduate. I will show friends all over the world how good a Vietnamese student is. It is also a way to show my gratitude to my country. Besides, we can also introduce the tourist culture of Vietnam - beautiful beaches, unique festivals. This will attract people from all over the world to Vietnam to research the potential of the country. It is also contributed to calls for investment from overseas.

After I graduate, I will contribute to the development of my country. I will help other Vietnamese students by sharing my experience about how to adapt to a new environment, how to absorb knowledge quickly and effectively. If possible, I will contribute to the scholarship fund to help the students who are capable to fulfill their dream. I will use what I have learnt to help the country develop. However, I think whether we return to our country or stay oversea, with the heart of a patriot, we can always contribute to the development of our country.

Opportunity is not waiting for us so I would use it effectively to perfect myself and contribute to the development of my country with practical actions.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ÔN NỮ QUỲNH NHƯ</b>
Trường	THPT số 2 Mộ Đức, Quảng Ngãi

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Studying abroad is a common approach for some students from developing countries, simply because it can help them to broaden their knowledge and open up a new horizon. Thus, a scholarship of any developed country will be a wonderful present to make all their

dreams become true. I am not an exception. When I think about a certain scholarship, I usually suppose that I can receive that scholarship and imagine what I will do next.

The scholarship of the developed countries will be an important turning-point in my life. It can bring not only many opportunities but also many challenges to me. However, I think the challenges are also the opportunities. I believe that I can overcome my difficulties by my precise strategies. My father used to say that: “When your opportunities come, don’t let them go by”. If my opportunity is a scholarship, I will make it become my learning motivation. Studying in a developed country will satisfy my curiosity about new technologies. I can develop my language skills and learn a new culture. I can have more foreign friends and my ability of communication will be improve. I will have more confidence and independence to learn and study. These things are very necessary for my life. Especially, I will also find the right directions for my future career. So I think the scholarship is a golden opportunity. If I am lucky to have a such chance, I will try my best to study well.

I used to think all the students who have an intention of studying abroad are selfish. They don’t care about their home country or try to run away and find a better life while their country still has many difficulties. However later on, I realized that most of them have come back to serve their country. From that misconception, I learn one thing that I should study abroad to learn the advanced science of the developed countries. Then I will come back and take all my knowledge that I learned to improve my country. I want to be a doctor because I know there are many poor and helpless people in my country, who are in need of timely help. So if I make good use of my scholarship to study so well to become a good doctor, I can accomplish my dream to help all needy people. Moreover, I can take the strong-points of the advanced education system to apply to my country. I believe that a great education will create the big talents.

Now I am studying hard with the hope that one day all my attempts will be paid fairly. If my award is a scholarship of a developed country, I will make it really become my big opportunity. If it becomes true, I will step up to my ambitions. More importantly, I can fulfill my responsibility for my dear country and my dear family.

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Bài dự thi	47
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HUỶNH THÁI UYÊN KHANH</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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Never miss any opportunities, that is a lifestyle of successful people.

I am not an industrious student but I know what things need to study. I like researching one thing, that's why I do not often get good grades in the others subjects. If I get the scholarship to study abroad in a developed country, it will be a present for my try. I have my own way in studying, just remember main ideas from the teacher and build them into a graph and data to understand generally. Schools in the developed country support students joining club and playing sports so that they will be familiar with public, fearless and improve my eloquence. I can play basketball funnily all the time, not only to keep fit but also to make myself more confident and sociable. I hope that in an international environment, my results increase so some companies will invite me to work. My future will be more brighter. I can make my dream come true- help my country change into a developed country, that is also a honour of all Vietnamese.

Many teenagers nowadays is worth to criticizing, they do not esteem Vietnamese culture- where they were born and grown them up, but I do not oppose them. They know how to improve their life with many ambitions, creation to do everything. Of course, they can choose the best place to live, so developed country gives them a chance so as to be social with the world, create for them a modern figure and may be Vietnam will be proud of their talent. I do not think they forget

Vietnam. I am not sure that when I study in Western, I will come back to Vietnam or not. Studying and living overseas so that I can introduce Vietnam to the foreigners, show them the worth of Vietnamese culture, and I am proud to tell them about two thousand years creditable Vietnam history. Furthermore, up to now we have had three people were certificated as World cultural great man by UNESCO. Besides, I think that the foreigners will like Vietnamese food, it is unique and be always remembered by all the ones who have tasted just one times. With the scholarship, despite living far, I can require my school or my company, pay more attentions to Vietnam, so there might have a charity or organization gives the supports to lots of poor Vietnamese people and orphanages, not only their life will be saved but also the friendship among the countries will be closer. I dream about building a website with full of information about Vietnam so that Vietnamese nationals around the world can contact each other to feel warmer, make a united union and use their small abilities to develop Vietnam.

Anyway, the most important point is studying hard. If I have a scholarship from a developed country, I will try my best to make my dream come true, for building my future and developing Vietnam.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN MINH NGUYỆT</b>
Trường	THPT BC Nguyễn Tất Thành, Hà Nội

Dear Kim Anh!

So fast! It's one month since I left my dear family, my lovely class to study abroad. The first moments when I was still like a fish out of water, I was so nervous because everything is new with me. I had thought it would be so wonderful to come to a new country for

overseas study but actually, it was not so easy at first. Anyway, I have adapted with the life here. I wish you were here now to see how the life, the education in this country are. Everything is modern, the education is so practical and we don't have to study so hard as I had to. I don't want to strain my brain with impractical things. I like studying intelligently, effectively and this education gives me what I want, what I need and what is necessary for me. I feel so fantastic! Here, I'm trying to reach the "top 5" of my class because, you know, if I come back to Viet Nam with an excellent degree, it will be easier for me to find a job for sure. Not that all overseas students can find a good job when they come back, right? I meant to study for BBA as I told you but I changed my plan. I'll study and work in foreign investment to contribute my little ability to our country's development. And I think this is the way I can help directly. But now, to bring my dream come true, I have to study well here, as well as I can. My parents cannot afford to let me study abroad by themselves. However, I was so lucky to receive the scholarship. Don't worry! I do not waste my time, I will never let you and my parents disappointed. I'm perceiving all the knowledge I haven't been supplied in Viet Nam; especially soft skills like team-work, presentation, management,... Everything here satisfies me except for the prices. So expensive! I have learned how to use my money effectively but I think I will have to look for some part-time job. Not only will I earn money but also gain real knowledge, real experience and explore the new culture. Perhaps they will help me in the future, I think. Recently, I'm studying one more language - Japanese - the language I planned to study in the evening via Internet. I studied English by this way, too. It's cheaper and effective also. Japan has been investing in Viet Nam much and it is a good chance for both me and our country, do you think so? Oh, I'm being late, I have to go to school right now. Wait for me. I will come back to Viet Nam soon and you will see how different I am!

Reply me as soon as possible.

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Họ và tên thí sinh **MAI THỦY TRÚC**  
Trường THPT Gia Định, Hồ Chí Minh

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“MAY I BORROW THE BLOW?”

I was about to let go off all dreams and efforts when I found a voice echoing in side my mind: “What’s with your ‘making-the-best-of-me’ spirit?”

It woke me up, and I whispered in a calm and determined voice: “If I give up now, everything is finished”

I rose once again, working on to get a scholarship – the blow that is believed to take me away, to the target of my life.

By the time I set my mind on Biotechnology, I have become determined and persistent in seeking for a scholarship, through which I hope to gain access to the vast knowledge of science. As a Vietnamese student, I’ve been trained properly in self-working, regular practice and escorted by the eager to learn more .Consequently, I feel more confident, assuring that I would not fail to make the best of me. Accompanied by the love to Biotechnology, I hope to carry out researches on new chemicals involving living organism – the “White Biotechnology”. Such researches should be helpful in providing substances that can treat pollutants effectively, producing chemicals for life-use. Problems have been budding in our country ever since we were too concentrated on building up factories, regardless of the large amount of pollutants that burden the environment. In order to construct a sustainable – development country, I wish to study hard and take every chance to make good creations so as to join hands with many other people reconstructing the country’s base. Reaffirming those who trust my capability, I choose to pursuit this path despite barriers that are hard to get across. One minor success would more or less contribute to a specific aspect of technology; the results may not only transcend my own value, but

also improve the bases of countries that are suffering badly from industrialization processes by bits.

On second thoughts, I believe that students who study abroad must be ready to take a responsibility on their shoulders – the responsibility to create impressions of their own countries. That's to promote their fatherlands' reputations and make no harmful stereotypes. I've heard and known how Vietnamese's reputation has been severely damaged. Therefore, I'm willing to prove that we are not people who have spared money to play luxurious, nor do we like to steal things and prejudice our own people. Through good manners and the will to learn, I will show them different aspects of Vietnam that need to be respected or even learned from. I want to spread out our culture, just as successfully as the Japanese people do. Together with people of different generations, I wish to heal a deep cut between Vietnamese people living in different territories. Those are to repay my dear homeland.

This is hard, this is dreamy, this is so impractical – so you say; but it provides me with both a hard and sharp arrow and a target to shoot at.

I've already got a strong arm, an arrow, and a target. May I borrow the blow?

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VŨ DIỆU HUẾ</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Vũng Tàu

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Having chances to study in an educative and professional environment is the dream of any student with determination to gain success in life. Therefore, if I have a chance to study in such environment in one of the developed countries, I would certainly try my best to take all the advantages of the “life-time” opportunity.

First of all, I would like to talk about my dream jobs. I have had two: one involves banking work and the other is related to environment protection. At first, the two seemed not to match for me. But later, I have realized that I can do both at the same time. To do so, not only do I have to make effort but I need to improve my knowledge and some specific skills in certain terms as well. On studying abroad, I will be able to be helped to improve correctly the needed skills for the jobs, get in touch with the latest with a brand-new view. For that reason, I am not going to let a single minute go by without seeking for knowledge. Furthermore, I will set my mind on completing all the assignment given with the greatest effort as it is the best way that helps me improve my skills. Extra self-learning hours in libraries should be prior to me. In addition, beside the lecturers and tutorials, social and charity activities will surely on my list of “things to do”. What’s above and many others things are my intention upon studying abroad.

Developed countries like USA, Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, etc. are places that offers people chances, especially chances to get to great experience. Studying abroad, I would receive that offer easily. Therefore, I obviously will stand a good chance reaching the success with certain experience obtained. When being able to work effectively, I could assure my future and ,the more important thing, I could partly contribute to the development of the home country. With the banking, the exchanges are made both domestically and internationally, which contribute to the communicating between countries. Being an environmentalist, I could join a hand to protect our crying Earth, our polluted environment. That is the human’s hottest problem.

In short, studying in developed countries is my aim and I will surely try my best to achieve the best result I can if I had the opportunity. I will be a helpful citizen of the country and of the world.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN THỊ TRÂM ANH</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Hữu Cảnh, Đồng Nai

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If you had a scholarship to go and study abroad, what would you do for yourself and your country?

I think if you receive any scholarship, it is always an honour for you. I spend a lot of time studying and I wish to have a good job in the future. I live in Bienhoa City, it is near Ho Chi Minh City which is the most modern city in Vietnam. The countryside of my grandmother is far away from here, about 120 km, the education offered there is not good, especially English. In the city, the children in the primary school are taught English very early, I am so sad because the students in the countryside only started to study English when they went to highschool. They only study grammar and simple language structures. I try a lot to study more and find a scholarship. The education in Vietnam is not bad but I want to study in the USA. I know about this country from the newspapers, the Internet and other forms of media. The USA is a very good country with many famous universities and modern companies. My dream is to become an English teacher. I hope one day I can study in the USA, gain a lot of knowledge, and speak English fluently. Then I will come back Vietnam and teach English to the children in my countryside. I think this is one way to improve the education in my country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÊ THỊ KHÁNH HẰNG</b>
Trường	THPT Quốc Học, Thừa Thiên Huế

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No wonder that great rush is on. You see, studying overseas has so much to offer. You enjoy the world-class faculties, first-rate

facilities and a stimulating academic atmosphere which would be extremely conducive to the development of your academic career. You have none of the headaches of studying in lack of good conditions. You are open for making friends all over the world and accessing to new different cultures. In fact, a multicultural environment offers you nothing less than a true version of the world trade in miniature. Therefore, it will come in hand for you to gain first experience before graduating and getting a job. So if I receive the scholarship from a university abroad, I will go to the very end to show my ability as well as to prove that I am a promising candidate for acceptance into that school.

Actually, studying abroad is an eye-opening experience. People, culture and even the weather differ from what I am accustomed to. Hence, in order to seize my overseas-studying opportunity effectively, I have a list of things that I should do to be well-prepared for a new life in foreign land. First, researching my host country can prevent me from having a culture shock. However, there are other important details to consider, such as training myself essential social skills like leader ability, team-working ability and getting used to leading an independent life in a place far from home. Moreover, during studying, I will endeavor to work as hard as I can to be worthy of what the school should be expecting me to be. In particular, I will work at full capacity to show that I do not solely focus on English but have also developed other abilities that I am also confident in, such as Math and leadership ability (which are important to those who want pursue Bachelor of Administration course like me). Besides, I will spend most of my spare time in the library studying and researching so as to understand the lecture more thoroughly. As an active student, I will enthusiastically take part in extracurricular activities at school as a way for me to be more sociable to other foreign friends and as a chance to perfect my English as well.

While studying at that school, I do not only have an opportunity to cultivate my mind and enlarge my knowledge but also have a

general view of the world by a multicultural environment offered. When the time comes to leave school, I am fully prepared to enter society as well-adjusted adults. I have already had years of experience in coping with many of the problems that face me when studying abroad. As a result, when I come back home, I do know what and how I can do to earn a better life and to contribute to the development of my country as well as to its welfare by realizing what are the strong and weak points of my homeland.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HỒ THỊ HỒNG NGÂN</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

Studying abroad is the act of a student pursuing educational opportunities in another country. It is now very popular. There are two kinds of studying abroad: with scholarships and self-sufficiency. The former is much better than the latter as it saves us a lot of money. A situation is that suppose that you are offered a scholarship to study abroad in a developed country, how could you utilize this opportunity to achieve your future goals and contribute to the development of your country?

To begin with, if I were in this situation, I would learn how to overcome difficulties first. Apparently, it is a turning point in one's life. When living, studying abroad, you certainly have to face with many troubles such as homesickness, culture shock, food, expense... No matter how similar the culture is to your country, a culture shock is a must-have. Well as you may speak English, you will have confusion because it is not your mother tongue and once you are in another country, you have to speak like the natives in order to make them understand and not have any misunderstanding. The food may be unappetizing or simply, you do not familiarize with the local food. You are away from your family, without their love

and care. I think these above are the most common problems that students have to tackle. Only by trying solving these disadvantages can you go on your study and achieve success. Do not waste your time, your parents' money unless you get over all the obstacles mentioned above.

Furthermore, I need to have a positive learning attitude. It means that applying myself to studying more, making great efforts to catch up with other friends. The fact that we have few extra curricular activities is one of the drawbacks of our education system. Whereas, students in other countries mainly study by themselves, organize many interesting extra curricular activities and therefore they are much more confident than us. I should get used to their method and have my own plan based on this. One more important thing is about the professors, instructors. They always willingly help you. They know your strengths as well as weaknesses. So why not ask them for advice, instruction? While talking to the professors, you may find out useful information and especially make an impression on them. Do not forget to contact with some organizations, companies. This makes you more active, confident, flexible; from this you can check your knowledge, what you get and have chances of working in reality. The more you study the better for yourself. When you come back, it is you that plays an important role in developing economy, education... together with the master of each field.

All things considered, we can benefit a lot from studying abroad. The point is that our government has not had proper policies to attract talent and “brain drain” is still happening.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRỊNH THỊ THU THẢO</b>
Trường	THPT Quốc Học, Thừa Thiên Huế

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After a 1.5-hour flight, the VN741 at last arrived at Changi airport. In front of me, a whole new world was opening, Singapore, the destination of my first journey abroad.

This is something the most rewarding of my life and I felt so excited that I just wanted to shout out loud of excitement. The crowded terminal, modern buildings virtually complete cleanness... really took my breath away. That was an exchange program and our group had the chance to experience a true campus life in the Raffle boarding school. Studying abroad is something that I desire all the times so this trip was indescribably fabulous for me.

But the excitement was fading slowly because the homesickness, the discipline, the time difference (even the difference was only 1 hour)... were, unhelpfully, unbearable for a girl who had never been far away from home like me. All I could feel was the tiredness and a strong desire to come back home. "If only I could leave this place immediately!" Joining in the community program with my buddies in the Dover Park Hospice and Renci hospital considerably helped me to regain my mood. Coming to school also took me back to the active world of joys. Each second passed and I adapted little by little to the hasty modern life in this Lion Island. I became familiar with the sudden and heavy showers, the sunset on the river bank enjoying the view of The Esplanade "Durian" theatre, the "tallest in the world" Singapore Flyer, The fountain of Wealth, the "hard to understand" English accent of the Singaporeans (in my opinion)...

And then...ten day passed like a streak of lightning. It was hard to confess that I strongly wanted to rest in this place, the place that just any day before, I had exceedingly desired to leave in an unregretted

way. I deeply realized I loved this land sometime I had not recognized.

This experience (at my age of 15) strengthens my dreams and shows me the real insight of what studying abroad is. I have the opportunities to practice my English, live in another cultural world, especially to sharpen my social skills and to become more independent. In fact, a lot of challenges are waiting for me in the open wide world outside. At least, I know that I can adapt to a new living environment in less than 10 days. I want to contribute a little part to the development of my country, especially the tourism of my home town Hue thanks to the up-to-date understanding, active working style got from the abroad educational trip. What an ambitious girl but I want to reach not only Singapore but also Europe, Australia and the farther land in the whole wide world. Because... Somewhere over the rainbow  
Skies are blue

And the dreams that you dare to dream

Really do come true

If happy little bluebirds fly

Above the rainbow

Why, oh why, can't I...

“Over the rainbow”

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHAN NGUYỄN THANH VŨ</b>
Trường	THPT Bùi Thị Xuân, Hồ Chí Minh

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One of the most important issues in society today is studying abroad and how we can use it to make a brighter future for your career as well as the development of our nation .

It is worth starting from the outset that my self-confidence will be trained in one country that the difference was found in language , culture , economy and socialisation . It is granted that I will be more matured in your responsibility with community world because of having to manage myself with various situations accompany by useful experience from both studying and daily routine . In this stage , overseas students will also have a chance to practice some good habits such as curb expenses , specific plans as well as the personal responsibilities . Moreover , because of part-time jobs to increase income , my understanding about works in daily life will be significantly widened . Secondly , in today world , when things change quickly accompany by many inventions , new technologies and theories , if I come to grips with the information soon , I will know how far the universe goes . Consequently , the more I try to read and search in the studying progress , the more I get various conditions to get in touch with modern edudition by many ways . In addition to the two-reason mentioned above , my capability of work will be effectively improved together with valuable certificates that are acknowledged all over the world . An illustration for this point can be seen that I can learn new skill for careers by modern facilities with a lot of opportunities at university since a general education that I have received does not make my fit to enter profession which requires specialized abilities , so , I have to make up my mind fairly early in life so as to what I am going to be .

On the other hand , I can also take full advantage of studying abroad to create my own contribution for the development of my country .

At the first place , as a developing country , commerce can bring on big benefits because we can gain the help from multilateral-international organization such as WB , IMF , WTO in order to have a deeper participation in global trade system so that Vietnam should be turned into a free trade area to improve the ability of organizable affiliation . At present , Vietnam hasn't had independent and rich companies as well as high standing in the world . Secondly , my future career is going to set up a private business . As you have known that personal economy plays an important role in the development of each country since it can create a considerable volumn of materials wealths to contribute towards not only the validity income of national economy but also the government budget . Furthermore , it can create a strong motivation to develop , join both actively and effectively in effectuation social targets . In other words , by investment , I have to realize the priority direction to provide information for society . An illustration for this point can be seen in the fact that carrying on building a highway system can decrease natural resources , but it can create the sources of capital for both material and mentally for resident to use .

In conclusion , studying abroad is the best way for students who want to have perfect preparation for career . Meanwhile , they can help our country to ameliorate the flexibility of economy not only makes a better position in international market but also has a closer integration into global environment .

Bài dự thi	61
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỊ HỒNG HẠNH</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

Winning a scholarship to study in a developed country is a great honor of quite a few students in developing countries such as Vietnam. If such dream came true, as a Vietnamese student, I would

take full advantage of this chance to achieve my future goals and contribute to the development of my country.

Like other people, my prime aim to study abroad is to enhance my future life. One of the most essential things to do there is exploring the native lifestyle in my destination. Finding information about indigenous culture and traditional not only broaden my ken but also helps me to adjust well and avoid cultural shocks. In order to do that, I need to find information about the country in books and the Internet, especially from my foreign friends...Interestingly, it brings to me another advantage: the more people I get on well with, the more good relationships and help I will have, for me and my homeland. Besides, I hope it would be a nice start, for wide relationship is a big advantage for people who want to work in Banking and Finance, which I am keen on very much.

Therefore, when I am master of my future, it would be easier for me to contribute to my country. As mentioned above, I always wish to have a job in Banking and Finance so that I will do my best to get useful degrees in this field. When I finish my study in university, I possibly return to Vietnam and make use of what I have learnt. I will take advantage of my experience to find a good job in a promising domestic company, after that try to help my company impress foreign investors in order to develop it. Similarly, if I worked in a foreign company for some reasons, I would introduce Vietnam as a potential place to invest to my company's counterparts, since Banking and Finance is one of the most lucrative fields in the service sector. I hope by making use of what I have accumulated as well as a little help from my colleagues, I will partly help our country's economy improve. In addition, by having many good relationships, I can easily be a "herald" to introduce Vietnam to international friends. I hope the beauty of the culture or history, as well as Vietnamese's hospitality and even the potential economy will make impression on them, therefore bring our country closer and closer to people all over the world.

In conclusion, the scholarship gives me both opportunity and obligation: I have to prove I deserve to it. These are merely my intentions in case I have an honor to get such prestigious scholarship. However, supposing that my plan had to follow another direction, my resolutions about my career and my contribution to Vietnam would remain unchanged. No matter what the situation is, I am determined to make my dreams come true, because in my belief, nothing is impossible to a willing heart!

Bài dự thi	62
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HỒ NGỌC TRANG THANH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Huỳnh Mẫn Đạt, Kiên Giang

I've just received a scholarship to study in the United Kingdom . I've been known that methods of education in the UK has affected education systems worldwide. Nền giáo dục của Anh vẫn luôn là một trong những nền giáo dục được đánh giá cao vào thành công nhất. English education has always been one of education to be highly successful. I'm really happy and proud because it is my dream from my childhood. Today, I'm talking about opportunities and challenges of mine when I would be coming to the UK.

In my opinion, studying abroad would not only achieve a good command of foreign languages but also acquire updated knowledge and methods of education rich in reality. First, studying abroad help me feel more confident than before. Next, it would be the impact of effective habitat to expand the global vision. I could easily get acquainted with other international friends with a view, by multi-dimensional view of life. In addition, I would have international qualifications and good foreign language. Beside these, I could understand cultural values of my country and have the opportunity to exchange learning with many cultures around the world other

countries (the United Kingdom consists of three different countries and one province: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Island provinces. And all countries have different characteristics and identity are very different). Moreover, it would be also a good conditions to develop research my interests and my job – a famous doctor. I really felt hurt when I saw a small baby baked in an intense struggle burning pain of illness or an old woman suffering from an incurable disease so I wanted to learn really good treatment for all. After passing the High School Graduation, I would study at Medical University in the UK Then, I would return to VietNam where I want to undertake my dream. I would build a small hospital to treat for all. Also, I would try to learn the treat medically advance method of famous doctors in the UK to practice in VietNam. Khi trở về nước bạn sẽ dẫn đầu lớp, hay là người dẫn đầu trong nhóm làm việc.

However, studying abroad also would bring big challenges for me. First, I would have some difficulties in communicating with native speakers. But I've believed that it only a short time because English is a subject that I like best. And I could improve it easily. Next, I would have some difficulties in weather and climate condition in the UK. So I would try to accustom myself to it. Last but not least, I worry about tuition fees (I've been known that tuition fees are very expensive). My parents wouldn't have enough money because they are teachers. As you know, teacher-salaries are very low. Therefore, I've wanted to have a full scholarship to ease the difficulties of my parents.

In brief, studying abroad would bring not only opportunities but also challenges for me. But I've believed that I would become more optimistic about my life after studying abroad. And, studying abroad would help the positive change in life, absorptive of knowledge and advanced settings for future careers, interferes with the culture, the people and cumulative more capital for my life.

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Bài dự thi	63
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TÔ MỸ NGỌC</b>
Trường	THPT Trần Phú, Hồ Chí Minh

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It is usually said that a good opportunity doesn't come twice. Thus, whenever it comes, you should take it without hesitation. A good opportunity can be many things such as having a good job, making a fortune, being able to travel to many beautiful places...But for me, a really good opportunity would be to study abroad. So, if I were given a scholarship to study in a developed country, I would take my opportunity in an effective way.

First of all, it's essential that I choose carefully what I want to learn and what I want to be in the future. Choosing wrong subjects to study would not only be a waste of my time, but also, my scholarship. Because, if I study the subjects that I don't like, I will get bored and drop out the course. It's absolutely a misconception that choosing a nice job like being a doctor, a lawyer...is the best. Just choose what most suitable for your ability and you will be successful. Another good way of using my opportunity is that I must be well-equipped. It means I must be ready to adjust to living and studying in a new place, a new study environment. I may feel like a fish out of water and waste my time if I don't have any social skills which can help me deal with unexpected incidents. Moreover, I have to learn how to be independent in a new life. Being independent doesn't mean that I won't listen to other people. Advice from people who are experienced is very precious. These are just preparations for the beginning. What I have to do during the course is much more difficult.

Of course, like most people who study abroad, I will try my best to learn what I have chosen. I will pull my weight and find out the differences between their education and ours. Not only will I be receptive to new ways of learning, but I will also maintain the traditional way of Vietnamese people, that is the spirit of studying

selectively. Besides, I will look for a part time job to save some money for my “exploration” of new cultures. I think it’s best to widen our knowledge, improve our social skills in community by participating in outdoor activities like charity ones. In addition, there will be lots of things to do, but, in fact, I don’t have to always have my hands full with work. I could bear stress and feel like giving up. So as not to let these things happen to me, I will always keep an eye on my health and stay away from the temptation of a big city.

Last but not least, after I finish my study, like Uncle Ho – the greatest president of all time in our country who went to different countries, learned different languages, did many different jobs trying to survive in those countries finally came back home bringing a whole new life to us, I will return to my hometown and dedicate myself to serving my own country. I will make a lot of effort to work and apply new, modern things that a developed country has but we don’t have. Maybe, I am just a small cog in a big wheel but I strongly believe that the development of my country partly depends on a generation like mine and other youth’s. Therefore, I will work as hard as I can to make sure that in the whole time of that “golden opportunity” I haven’t been banging my head against a brick wall.

Life always gets harder as we grow up and it’s only we can make it easier for ourselves. So I do believe that I can get over the obstacles I may have. I am always ready for new challenges in my life because there is a saying: “ If you always wait, nothing will ever get done”.

Bài dự thi	64
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN THỊ THANH TRÚC</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

“Ships in harbour are safe, but that is not what ships are built for.”(John Shedd). To me, traveling to another country for studying

is like a ship having just left its peaceful land – Vietnam – to put out to sea where there are favourable winds as well as many adversities waiting for the captain to triumph over. The adventure should be called an epic voyage of discovery when the ship faces all hardiness and the sails catch the wind to guide it berth safely.

First of all, studying abroad would brighten my view of diverse social lives. Each country has its own original culture that it would be my honor to explore. Enriching my soul through such wonderful customs, traditions, beliefs and so on is one of my humble ambitions. Moreover, I would also gain experiences on the way to the new horizon of knowledge. Personally, I have not traveled much until now despite my deep love for it. That is the reason why it becomes my little interest with many enormous positive effects.

In addition, joining in a different educational environment would inspire me to overcome difficulties when being apart from my family. Homesick may make us sad because, in any way, family members play important roles in our hearts. The way they care for us, the bitter-sweet moments and all of those things are so precious that nothing could be worth enough to exchange. Above all the unfamiliarity, magic begins to work suddenly but nicely just like a breath of wind passing among flowers which are named after our bravery, mature thinking and full-of-love hearts. Thanks for the wind; it spreads the flowers' scents wherever it blows. In other words, I would be supported to be the best of myself and pass challenging trials with flying colors through each and every simple step I have made these days.

Last but not least, even though my ship of significant discovery of knowledge may sail out to sea, I – the captain – would never forget the way back to harbour. The two words “Việt Nam” could not disappear in my mind wherever I go. After finishing the period studying overseas, I would certainly come back the place where I had started my trip by the ship in full sail. Why I do it is because I have an aspiration to dedicate my modest perfume to the beautiful

garden of flora, my homeland. There is not something too complicated; it could be really simple, such as: being an excellent chef. I could introduce Vietnamese special foods to other counties in the world and this attraction would lead them to Vietnam for more co-operations. As you may see, simplicity may become absolutely complex.

Love is not easy to show but if you could, just do it. Scholarships offer you the opportunities to face obstacles, to grow up and to live for the others. For all you have done, it is the patriotism – the greater love you could have honorably in the whole life.

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Bài dự thi	66
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN MAI VY</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

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My 2-year-plan: getting a scholarship for economy in a university of a developed country.

5-year-plan: have a part-time job. Participate in social activities in both Vietnam and that country.

10-year-plan: have a job in a bank for experiences. Get MBA degree. Turn back to Vietnam and work for American Express (in Vietnam) as a manager.

15-year-plan: having husband and kids. Working as a CEO for Suc Song Moi (a magazine for Vietnamese woman) This is my plan for the next 15 years. According to my friends, I realized that education in a developed country is better than in Vietnam. If have a scholarship, I will learn how foreigners manage their economy and build highly effective systems. I'll attend courses about managing time, building relationship, winning influence

friends and people, etc. I'd like to be an economist or a banker so I would take any chances to work in American Express. After a few years, I'll consider working for Suc Song Moi because I want to do something for Vietnamese woman. Foreign woman are free to do everything but oriental women. Maybe it's because the affect of feudalism that they don't have enough confident. I believe I have enough quality to become a leader, so becoming a CEO or at least a director is good for running that magazine. Sharing with woman about family, children, beauty, etc is a nice job. I will help them to be more confident. With my knowledge, I'll show them how to be successful. I'll link with organizations to sell products such as clothes, cosmetics, books and cooking courses. Woman in oriental country will no longer live in desperate. I'll contribute my life to help Vietnamese woman. Developing woman's potential is a good way to develop my country. In conclusion, getting a scholarship is an important key to fulfill my dream. If I can't get any scholarship, I'll make another plan because life always changes and I'm very flexible. Whatever happens, I'll always work for woman happiness.

Bài dự thi	67
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÝ HUỲNH TIẾN TRUNG</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

It is obvious that nowadays lots of students in Vietnam want to study abroad in developed countries such as: America, England, Australia, Canada ... As students, we now can study abroad more easily, there are several opportunities for us, and there are also lots of challenges. We know that we have to try harder for our purposes.

Vietnam, my country, is a developing country, but I am still proud of my nation. I want to make my country became more developed, and the only way for me now is to study. Therefore, if I can study abroad to the developed countries, I promise that I will try all my best in

order to get an as good result as possible. I was in a middle-class family. My parents had to work very hard for my studying. My parents say that they always hope that I can get a scholarship to study abroad for a brighter future because they think that Vietnam's education is not so effective; some people had studied in universities for years and then they could not find a good job. And after nine years studying in Vietnam, I can see that most of students in Vietnam study just for the examination, and then they forget everything. I am quite disappointed about this, but one day I was told that the education in developed countries was not the same as in Vietnam. Studying abroad, I will not only study from books, from teachers, but I will also study from my friends about their working style. Because I have heard that people in developed countries work very differently from people in Vietnam like us, people say that you work so hard and effectively. That is why I am so curious to know whether the rumor is true or not. And if true I hope that I will be able to learn your working style as well as your culture. And when I am back to my country, I will use all my chances to apply what I would have learnt in your countries. By that way, I hope that I can help to improve my country's development. Moreover, I am now not so satisfied with the education in Vietnam, and I have a strong desire to innovate it. When I am studying, I will notice how developed countries organize their education because it is obvious that these countries have such a wonderful way to educate students. Although I am very proud of my nation, I still have to admit that our development is left behind. So I want to bring the best back to my country and hope that I will be able to do something good for my country.

I am so proud of my country, about the history, the culture, everything. Besides I admire your countries, the developed countries. Therefore, I want to study abroad to receive a better education, then I want to get back to my native soil and contribute something.

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Bài dự thi	68
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN QUỲNH NHƯ</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lương Văn Chánh, Phú Yên

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A fellowship to study aboard not only gives us an opportunity to gain knowledge, to prove our worth but also brings up many challenges. And the importance is that we should be “Adaptive, Anticipatory and Agile” enough to face and make the most of every chance. As for me, if I am offered such a scholarship, the very first thing I will do is to set up a plan for my study tour since I know that only with a well-thought preparation and clear targets can I succeed in utilizing this chance in a million.

As far as I know, living and studying in a developed country provides three important contacts: language, culture and knowledge contact. So first, I will try to have a thorough grasp of English. Obviously, there is nowhere I can learn english better than where it is living. And as you know “when we know a language, we are living another life”, it is really silly of me to ignore this chance to gain a definite understanding of the customs and lifestyle of local people. I will travel, eat, drink and enjoy my weekends as an eager tourist. In fact, I can draw many lessons from such travel. My next aim is to digest the advanced method of learning and working in other countries, also the amount of valuable knowledge there. In addition, an international environment supply a good chance to meet and learn from fellow friends who are profound in awareness, enthusiastic in actions and heartfelt in every relationships. But proper learning is not mere studying, participating in volunteer groups, playing sports, being a member of a club .. are also useful for developing health, team spirit or even leadership.

However; as a matter of fact, the pleasures of new life can easily lure anyone away from studies. I will have learn to struggle to achieve or

resist something. But most importantly, I have chance to train a strong personality and high responsibility.

Finally, I will take the chance to accomplish my childhood wish. Well, I still remember the time when I first read about Big Ben tower, Thames river ... in my text book, I harbored a desire to make a tour around England. Now, my itchy feet won't just stop there, I want to go further to Germany to eat sausages with sauerkraut in beer gardens, to Belgium to eat freshly-baked waffle or cockles steamed with dinner wine, to Italy to drink cappuccino or espresso,...

But after all, I belong to where I was born. One day, I will return, feeling touched but ready to make contribution. I will first apply all my knowledge and experience to the development of the company I work in, thus partly help speed up the economy of my native soil; To aim at long-term target, I wish to build up an overall scheme to sensibly exploit the enormous marine potentiality of my province. More realistically, I would love to write a travel story, not to make a name for myself in the world of literature but to evoke a thirst for new knowledge and challenges in far-away lands among Vietnamese adolescents, just like the way Duong Thuy, Ngo Thi Giang Uyen and other authors woke up my dream with their books.

To sum up, I admit a scholarship to study aboard is good but not the only way to fulfil my dreams. If I have determination, I believe I can do everything, even create and conquer such a chance.

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Bài dự thi	70
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỊ HOÀI LINH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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As the globalization has been greatly expanded, the cooperation and integration between nations are becoming increasingly important, especially in education. Consequently, the chance of studying abroad

is now open to many students to help them fulfil their dream and contribute to the development of their nation as well as the whole world. I am still a high school student, therefore going abroad might be a challenging experience. However, a scholarship to study in a developed country would serve some useful purposes for me to prepare for my future.

I am really keen on the applications of nuclear power and the most impressive to me is the generation of electricity. In fact, the residents in my hometown like many other parts in Viet Nam have frequently suffered from the inconvenience of power cut, particularly in dry seasons. Vietnam has no longer able to cope with the great demand for this basic necessity and has to sometimes purchase from neighbouring countries. But it can not be a long-term solution. This current shortage of electricity has substantially urged me to learn about nuclear technology. It is indeed a sound solution to many headache-causing problems. It provides an abundant source of energy as an alternative to fossil fuel without emitting carbon dioxide, a harmful gas to the environment. Unfortunately, it remains a new field in Vietnam. Attending a university abroad is perhaps the most suitable way for me to pursue my interest.

Actually I want to major in nuclear engineering which deals with many aspects including the development and analysis of methods and devices to run the nuclear reactor, the splitting of atomic nuclei and the merging of light nuclei, etc. Many well-known universities include this in their curricular but I am most interested in nuclear engineering program of the North Carolina State University in the USA. The USA is one of the leading countries in nuclear technology and it is also a global center of learning for some of the most important emerging technologies and new sciences now shaping the future of our world – including nanotechnology, biotechnology, biomedical engineering and computer science. Like many other universities, it allows students to develop an understanding of the concepts and practices of nuclear engineering and prepares its graduates for solving nuclear engineering problems as well as

applying the process of nuclear design, performing nuclear engineering related tasks,ect.However, my greatest interest is the research facilities available in the university, that is, the PULSTAR research reactor and many well-equipped laboratories which allow students to perform basic and applied reseach or conduct experiments.Therefore, once I take the course there, not only can I acquire theretical knowledge but I also gain practical skills which are very essential in our modern world.In addition, I will use this opportunity of living abroad to develop acquaintances with many people.I have to adjust myself to the new environment, and learn how to cooperate and get on well with people from all walks of life.This will help train my interpersonal skills a lot.

Opportunity always comes hand in hand with challenge.I will certainly run into trouble in adopting myself to the new methods of teaching and learning as the Western educational education system is quite different from Vietnam's.It focuses more on the practical experiences,not general knowledge.So it will take me a lot of time to become familiar with its ways of educating.This is my major concern when studying abroad.Not to mention some other problems which might arise such as the difference between culture, the lifestyle, the weather .the food,ect.

After I graduate,I will come back to my nation.By this way I can pursue my career in nuclear engineering and make contribution to my beloved country.As a matter of fact, Vietnam has made its approach towards this new field and is going to build the nuclear power plants in Ninh Thuan.However, it is faced with the problem of human resource.The quality of the current staff does not meet the require and it has sent some to foreign countries with developed technolgy to train.Consider the situation. I highly think that a good job prospect seems no difficult to me when I graduate .Moreover, with the knowledge I get at university, I will pull my weight to help run the nuclear reactor smoothly.At the same time, I can do a share in dealing with the shortage of electricity in my country.I am a bit afraid that because of financial difficulty, Vietnam can not afford to

buy modern facilities. This might be a setback for applying advance in nuclear engineering practices and research.

In short, a scholarship to study abroad is indeed of great value to me. It is no bed of roses yet, I will make the best of this to achieve my future goals and fulfil an obligation to my nation. Therefore, from now I need to be well-prepared in order not to miss any chance coming.

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Bài dự thi	71
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VŨ LÊ KHOA</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hà Chí Minh

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Every time I go to school I have to cross a small rivers, my grandmother used to say to me about that river, where fishes swim, children play and you can clearly see the bottom. Now, it's not like it used to be: covered in black, filled with trash floating on the surface, and methane bubbling nonstop. When crossing, people usually hold their breath and look at the river with disgust. That's when I have decided to become an environmentalist, not only to save not just one river but also to help people's lives along with it.

Back in the times I was watching 'Finding Nemo'. The main character is a clown fish which was taken to Australia, but then escaped to the ocean by jumping down the drain. The movie says 'all drains lead to the ocean' which is true but the fact that Nemo survived after going all water treatment process is obviously impossible. So what they did is changing the impossible possible to have a happy ending. In real life, all water has to be treated very carefully before being pumped into the ocean and that really impresses me. In my country, people treat water very lightly and some companies would skip the water treatment process, pump all

the sewage into the rivers to save money for their own. And that caused the death of the river which I mentioned earlier.

Environmentalists help the public make informed decisions about the use of limited natural resources. They do research, produce reports, write articles, lecture, issue press releases, lobby congress, fundraise, and campaign. The daily routine depends on the specialty. Environmental researchers measure decay and its pace and patterns, including the depletion of the ozone layer in space or contaminated groundwater in suburban communities. To be an environmentalist isn't easy, you have to have wide range of knowledge in chemistry and biology, you don't get pay much and sometimes the job can be very stressful and frustrating. Even so, you can overcome the difficulties if you are hard working and determined. From what I know, the huge difference between being an environmentalist in my own country and other developed ones is the lack of technology. Even though this is the 21st century, we still have troubles treating sewage water. But when we look at Singapore, we see three factories working 24/7 to deal with water issues. I want my country to be a better place, not only for myself but also for the people, for the younger generations. To study the technology, environment and problems in better countries to make my own country a better place. That is the thing I will do if I have a scholarship to developed countries.

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Bài dự thi	72
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỊ VÂN HẠNH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

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After over 1000 dominated by many countries, Viet Nam today is integrating into the world, and one of the ways help us to restore and develop our country is studying abroad. To me, going to another

country is a huge chance to approach the modern technology to make Viet Nam becoming a powerful country. So If I receive a scholarship, I will use every condition, every form and ability to learn the modern new things such as: nanotechnology or gene technology,...but the things that I want to learn best is how to overcome our country 's economy without depending foreign investment? Furthermore, I will use my chance to introduce my beautiful Viet Nam to the worldwide friends because there is too few people over the world know Viet Nam . I also want to use the scholarship\_my chance to build good diplomatic links between the countries. That is how I contribute to the development of my country. In addition, I also want to learn about the modern studying mariner of the international students: confident, legal majority, creative, self-contained and be able to share. In my opinion, If I can do all of these things, I will definitely be success in the future because I think that's the characters of people who achieve a complete success in life like: Bill Gates, Dale Carnegie,.. Generally, the scholarship will make me more mature ,it's also a enormous power to help me more perfect with every passing days.

Bài dự thi	73
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VI NGỌC HƯƠNG GIANG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Nam Định

The youth of today have a growing tendency to study abroad, especially in developed countries. They want to pursue higher education there to get better employment opportunities, yet not all of them can be as successful as they had expected. Therefore, if I were awarded a scholarship, I would try to take full advantage of the opportunity to success.

The first thing I should do is to develop my best ability. I would make a careful decision about the field and subject that suit me most. Besides, with the help of modern equipments and the efficient teaching methods, I would find a proper way to study by myself and improve my creation. Moreover, when experiencing the new life, I would try to make friends so that I could achieve a great fluency in the foreign language as well as broaden my mind about their traditions and customs. But I would also update the information about my homeland, which helps me utilise effectively the knowledge and skills I have learned in contributing to the country.

However, almost all of the ones who study abroad may face problems such as the loneliness, homesickness and culture shock. Learning from this point, I would prepare myself an iron will and the courage to overcome all difficulties. These problems may not fail me if I take others' advice in advance and make every effort to determine the purpose of study. In my opinion, the hardest matter is to get used to the new lifestyle without losing my own tradition. Nonetheless, I believe that I can get over this as I have the patriotism.

In conclusion, studying abroad is not only a golden opportunity but also a great challenge. Anyway, it is very regretful if we miss this wonderful adventure.

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Bài dự thi	75
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VÕ NHẬT NGUYỄN</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Tiền Giang, Tiền Giang

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Nowadays, studying abroad has become quite popular in Vietnam. Some students and their families have been harboring the dreams to study at good colleges and universities in developed countries. If I have an opportunity to spend my college years in foreign

environment, I will take advantages of this precise event to change my life.

Firstly, I could gain some benefits for my future career. Professional skills which are certified overseas is a key to a good job. In the view of the employers, there is a fact that academic achievements and the ability in adapting the changing environment of a studied abroad students in developed nations are, obviously, in considerable levels. They may also be impressed by other key qualities these students usually possess such as independence, innovation, high sense of responsibility and leadership. Therefore, I will try my best to gain some qualifications that best present my efforts during the time I spend in foreign colleges.

Secondly, they are countless advantages which are only offered to students when they are finding their own paths in a totally different environment. One of the most importance of these advantages is that my language skills would be effectively improved. Then, with great exposure to a new society, I may enrich my knowledge about global issues and build for myself a universal and cosmopolitan personality. In addition, while studying abroad, I could meet other people from many countries with various backgrounds. This multicultural education and social diversity is crucial to a man who wants to improve his adaptability and take a stand again changes in his life. The results which all of these factors bring out is that I could sharpen my own vision about the true goal of life in a more flexible way ; the more my perspective of life becomes mature, the more successfully I would achieve.

Last but not least, studying abroad may bring some benefits to the homeland as well as enhance your love with the place you were born. The truth is that one hardly finds out the real image of their homeland until he gets a chance to observe it from the outside. With the view from developed foreign country, I can figure out in my mind a clearer situation of my country : there would be neither pessimistic opinions nor self-centered attitudes. Consequently,

studying abroad students could make strong contributions to Vietnam, for they have already known which is really necessary for our country. In other words, studying abroad could make me become not only a good global citizen but also a good Vietnamese with high sense of responsibility.

The advantages I present above are drawn from my own acquaintance and my observation from people I've known. Of course, there could be more interesting aspects about studying abroad waiting for self discoveries.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>KHƯƠNG BÍCH NGỌC</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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...Today is April 14th, 2012. I turn the computer on and check my e-mail. I suddenly see the letter of admission from a very famous university in the United States. I am going to study abroad...

...What should I do? Living in a brand-new place may be harsh. I will have to face culture shock. Furthermore, what will happen if my English is not good enough to understand everything the professors say? Will I be able to catch up with my friends? I am not good at working in group and writing report, if I have to, what should I do? I wonder what will happen if I am homesick. There are just too many things to care about. Still, there are three more months until the day of departure. I can make a plan for my future....

The very first step is preparation. Right now, I have to focus on mastering all the English skills in order to follow the lectures. Perhaps, I will take a course in academic writing. I think I should practice communicating in English more. I also have to search for information about the lifestyle in America. Additionally, I should check the university's website for more information about the

campus life there. I had better go on the Internet and ask some seniors about their experience on living abroad. In that way, I will be least shocked when I get there.

The second step is action. When I arrive there, what should I do first? I will definitely try to make many new friends. It will be a waste if I do not learn about cultures around the world from my international friends. It will still be a waste if I have friends and

do not introduce my Vietnam's traditional culture to them. It will be more wasteful if I do not take that chance to study together with them, because they are very good and intelligent students. I will take part in social activities like helping the elder in nursing homes, or helping the orphans, and so on. I will definitely learn the way of learning and teaching from this developed education and try to get access to their innovative technology. Above all, I will try my hardest to get the best result in learning in order to become a good scientist... There are a lot more things to do for myself, but I have not figured out yet. However, the most important thing is that I can use what I have learnt to help my country after coming back.

The last step is achieving my goal. After graduating, I will come back to my country. I will build the first factory that use tidal energy to produce electricity in Vietnam. This is also my motivation for studying overseas...

...A sudden sound wakes me up. What a beautiful dream! However, I know that I can get it if I really try my best. I know I will...

A study abroad experience would offer endless possibilities toward accomplishing my goals in life.

St. Augustine once said: “The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” So, first of all, if I have a scholarship to study abroad in a developed country, I will have the opportunity to read other pages of the encyclopedia of human wisdom. I will become an international student. The word “international” holds in itself the image of blending cultures, of sounds and colours, of languages and ideas.

Study abroad allows me to get to know another culture first hand. That is, I would be flowing within the melody of the host nation’s culture. But at universities of developed countries, there are students from different places around the world so I will be able to see and learn about many other cultures as well. I will also be a representative of my own nation. When people understand more about each other’s father land, they will see the world with less prejudice. This allows everybody to have a better perspective on world affairs. I will show other people my country’s culture. This demands me to make an effort; somehow, I feel it would be quite natural since I was born in a cultural city and its spirit is always burning warm inside me.

Study abroad affords me the opportunity to make friends around the world. A good relationship now will be a firm co-operation in the future. I believe every person I meet has his or her own strength. We can all make a difference as long as we nurture our abilities and strive for innovative.

I am keen on the human aspect of a country, especially, the future generations. If we want a forest, we must first take care of the

acorns. That is why if I have a chance to go abroad to study, I will pay attention to the school's educational system and the teaching methods. I want to see how those things are different at the country I am studying and at my hometown. Education has been enlightening the world, but as a fact that it works with human – different individuals, education is not the same at every place. On the map of the world, there are places that are not as bright as others. I want to dedicate the things I study to strengthen my country's citizens' knowledge and awareness, which can only be achieved with educated minds.

Thanks to all this, when I come back to my country, I will have knowledge and skills in different fields. A deep understanding of world's situations, bilateral and multilateral relationships and an understanding on how to develop potential abilities of a country, these, undoubtedly, will back me up no matter what the way I choose to go is. With all this, I can contribute to the success and upliftment of my nation.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYEN HANH LINH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Amsterdam, Hà Nội

When I was little, I once watched this show on TV. The show was in English so I couldn't understand much of it but I could still see the wide green field, the high hills, the crystal-clear water – so clear I could see colorful fish swimming. I was not just watching it, I was absorbed in it. And I thought to myself: "Some day I am going to be there. I am going to visit that sight, eat that delicious-looking food and try that breath-taking experience". And that is the dream that I still keep until today. So, if I was given a scholarship to study in a well developed country, I would study what I like and take every chance to travel around and discover the world.

My first choice of major to study would be Business. It seems to be the right choice because it is both what I want to study and what my parents want me to study. My parents think that learning Business makes it easier for me to get a well-paid job, which ensures a prosperous future. I, on the other hand, want to study Business because I want to be a restaurant manager and run my own restaurant in the future. My restaurant wouldn't have to be big but a small place where I can organize marketing activities, plan menus and hire my own staff. My restaurant would be famous not only because of the food quality but also because of its coziness. Because I think a good restaurant is a place which can bring happiness to people, a place where every strangers who come in with a bad mood and an empty stomach could come out, after having one delicious meal, with a smiley face. Besides, what could better fit my eating hobby than owning a restaurant myself?

But I wouldn't go abroad just to study Business. I also want to study what I couldn't in Viet Nam. Myth and legend, for instance, since I want to explore follores, myth and legend of different countries. And ok, the only book about the subject I had a chance to read was the Greek mythology (I didn't even finish the whole thing). But all the tales about the Twelve Olympians and really got into me. In Viet Nam, there are many similar legends and tales such as the legend of Price Lang Lieu and his creation of two kinds of cakes which symbolized Earth and Sky or the legend of Thanh Giong. That is one of the things I'd like to tell my foreign friends.

After graduation, I would like to spend some time travelling around, maybe becoming a tour guide. As a tour guide, I will earn money and at the same time, explore other countries' cultures, their food and customs (who knows, maybe these will help to improve Vietnamese tourism). I will be able to let tourists know about Vietnamese folklores and legends as well as Vietnamese food and tradition. That way, I can do what I like and do something useful for my country. But, nowhere feels as good as home. Even though I can go to many places, I understand that in the end, I would still come

back to Vietnam (to open my restaurant) because here I have a family that wait and support me.

As I am writing this, I suddenly remember a story about a man who had gone to many places in the world but never appreciate what he have until it is too late. I don't want to be that guy, spending the last days of my life regretting. And I know I won't be because I fully appreciate the beauty around me which I will carve deeply into my memory before I go chasing my dream in some foreign countries.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN TUẤN ANH</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Hữu Cảnh, Đồng Nai

Hi, my name's Tuan Anh. I'm a student of Nguyen Huu Canh High school. Now I'm 15 years old. For me this is a chance that I had been waiting for. Moreover this is also a good opportunity for me to improve my knowledge. Like other teenagers, I hope to bring what I had learned from the study tour to serve my country in all aspects. I think that, to help our country more and more develop not only study hard but we also have to acquire knowledge and to use it in concrete situations. Now, Viet Nam is a developing country. In several years, Viet Nam will be more and more develop. When I study abroad, I will investigate their way of working, and how can they make their country so progress like that. And when come back, I will apply it in Vietnam practical conditions. In the future, I want to be an architect, so I will bring what I have learned to help my country achieves many great works to attend for the country's operations.

For me, during this study trip I will have a chance to learn more. Moreover, I will have more experiences that can service for my future job. That's what I want to say and thanks so much for reading my composition. That's all!

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>DINH CAO HUAN DO</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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How excited to be teenagers! How excited it would be to enter new world with so many things for your discovery and learning! Undoubtedly, it's a great chance for gaining valuable but challenging experience as being growing up nicely in a good education environment.

The afore-said creates desire in teenagers for studying overseas, especially in those who are under a fair education. Yet, as long as tuition fee is still crucial barrier to hundreds of Vietnamese excellent students, scholarship is the main way to enter high-profile schools and universities. Actually, during years of senior high school, most of students concentrate on studying how to pass the college entrance exam. Nevertheless, there are certain number of excellent students those who are confident in their talents pursue on line to be eligible for an award prior college entrance exam, competing by their outstanding learning efforts (while their friends only aim at getting themselves a place in local university)

I hope those facts right up there could let you agree to be eligible for an award is an understandable desire of outstanding students.

What would it be like if I were to study under good education environment in abroad? Personally, living in a new environment comes a whole new visions and obligations. And that's worthy-taken challenge for life. Certainly, fair education and good education is definitely different because it will bring success opportunities in different ways and levels. Losing oneself completely in the social life doesn't seem like a student who's responsible for the huge amount of money he/she has been given to STUDY. Why would we waste more money in doing meaningless stuff while we could take

advantage of the money which has already been given to us? As I said, do not waste money doing meaningless stuff, but do not let an invisible curtain stand between you and the outside world in which a lot of significant opportunity to experience marvelous things we haven't been before. That includes the culture and the people.

As a young citizen, I am responsible for contributing my efforts to development of my country. Overseas studying is an honor, and that honor comes along with heavier responsibilities and obligations. Learn harder and smarter! Keep reminding of duties to my homeland. It's easier when you do something just for yourself, but it definitely is a million times more challenging if you do things with your nation in your mind. Concerning to come back home or to work there after completions of studies, it will not be a huge impact to my life since in our modern time, I can contribute my abilities to Vietnam from anywhere in the world. Sometimes, it doesn't matter where you work, but how good you are.

A scholarship is one of the biggest prizes a student could possibly be awarded, and being eligible of award is a great chance in life. Thus, why don't we pursue it – enlightening our future and contributing more to our Fatherland?

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN NGUYỄN HOÀNG MINH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Bình Định

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A chance to study abroad is almost every student's wish, and it will be even better if the destination is a developed country. Unfortunately, there are a few families being able to support their children to turn this wish into fact. Accordingly, if I luckily have a good opportunity like a scholarship to study abroad; I will try my best to take full advantage of it to serve not only my future life but also my native country.

Obviously, everybody has to admit that studying abroad is the most challenging experience in student's life but it is still exciting so no one could reject its attractiveness. The crux of the matter here how to solve the advantages and disadvantages that an overseas student will encounter while having a precious and unforgettable time researching and enjoying in another country, especially developed one.

Assume that I am the one who just received the scholarship, so what should I do first? Definitely, it is preparation! I will think about the abilities and skills which a foreign college and university require an international student to have. As a whole, language is prerequisite to acquire knowledge, particularly academic subjects. That's why I will improve my foreign linguistic ability right after landing my dreamy country, for both studying and communicating. Nevertheless, communicating is not enough. I need to know the culture, financial state as well. These are the basic factors that will aid me to build a proper life style for myself, which is very important because it directly effects to the studying process.

Because this kind of experience is hard to get so I naturally will work as diligent as possible. However, since just diligence is not enough to prove the researching result, creativeness and leading competence will fill that gap. Fortunately, developed countries with industrial manner are the best place where these qualities would be highly appreciated and encouraged, so I will take as many opportunities as possible to look into how the people there work and study and gradually make the experiences mine. Moreover, with well known professions, modern laboratory, I will be able to approach latest technologies and thoughts. And that's also what I intend to do while I learning in an international college.

Besides, in my country, and all the undeveloped countries in general, brain drain is still happening despite the effort of the government! I surely will choose the branch of learning that my native country need, after that, bring what I have been educated back to my

homeland and contribute to the industrialized and modernized process. It is not only obligation but also honor to do such a sacred thing like that.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN THỊ THU THẢO</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Hữu Cầu, Hồ Chí Minh

In order to encourage students to achieve high academic goals, scholarships are offered the most qualified students. Scholarships will cover full or part of the year's tuition and books for students. Every year the scholarships for Vietnamese students get from developed countries increasingly. However, their quantity is limited, they require more difficult and only talented students are chosen. Because competitiveness is very high, all applicants have to give themselves their orientations and goals. If I could win a scholarship, I would present my goals and things I can do after this course. Therefore, I have two strategies: how to develop my future and how to contribute to development of my country.

First of all, I can take advantage an opportunity to develop my future. I can open my eyes by studying abroad in import-export. Trades have existed and developed for long time. Import and export has been an integral part of our lives. Europe and western countries for were famous for implementing the import and export of goods between them and other countries, which eventually led to the early stages of global sourcing and multinational purchasing. It is an important role in developing Vietnam's economy. Vietnam is not sufficient staff in this field and lack of specialization. When I recognize the issue, I want to study this major and another reason is that I like it. I like to work at container services and customs clearance. Absolutely, I like go in business with foreigners to enable to use my English.

After I offer a scholarship from Australia, I will study at a university. This course is four years. I will go school as well as work part time to have money in expenditure daily. I will do in small company related to container service and customs clearance. I want to have experience to enable to learn more effectively. Moreover, my English skills will improve day by day, especially in business English. Besides, I will have many connections from the Australian friends. They can become potential customers or partners in the future.

Secondly, after I graduate, I will come back Vietnam. As you know, Vietnam is developing everyday from infrastructures to specific fields such as economics, technologies, educations, environments... My talent and knowledge that I have learned contribute to my country in container services and customs clearance. I am going to work at harbor for five years. I use the knowledge of import-export and English language in work as well as give the strategies to attract foreign customers to go business in Vietnam. I also submit managers about limit complex procedures in customs clearance of goods. I will find out suppliers to import high technologies from to enhance equipment at harbor such as container, tractors, cargo trucks...because equipment is out-of-date

All in all, a scholarship is my ambition. If I could win it, I would implement my goals and ideas to contribute a part of my small ability for my country. Moreover, it is a chance to develop my skills yet further. Because Vietnam is a developing country, it needs contributions to me and you very much. We must take advantage opportunities to study, to access the different cultures, especially in education systems of developed nations and to perfect ourselves.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHẠM MỸ DUYÊN</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thượng Hiền, Hà Chí Minh

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Those who are students must have dreamt of a scholarship opportunity at least once during their student career. As a student, I am naturally not an exception. A scholarship is not only a chance for a student in financial need to realize his or her educational dream, but it is also a great honor for a student to be able to study at a reputable school or in an educational environment that interests the student. Personally, deep in the core of my bigger dream – becoming a successful businesswoman – I have long had my own several reasons for having a scholarship and logical planning to use it to have good scholarship-using during my studying, and to look for further plans in future.

When I want to accomplish something important, the first thing I do is plan the steps I need to take in order to achieve my goal. An effective plan requires me to look back upon and evaluate my past achievements. At Le Van Tam elementary school, I won a third place in a folk-telling competition. Moreover, I used to be a regular MC for many school and martial events. Now I am a private language interpreter for my national martial arts coach, Mr. Le Cong Tien, when he is away for international meetings. Also, my mother is a brilliant business woman, so I have learned a lot from her about managing time, balancing life, and managing expenses. In the future, I want to travel, speak many languages, and help disadvantaged children; and it will be my future, for certain!

During my studies at my new school in a developed country, I will concentrate on school work with a high level of determination and look for supplemental materials, in addition to textbooks, to support my studies. If there is a chance, I will join different organizations and do several social activities to gain more experiences, such as:

volunteering to help the school fundraise or popularize the appeal to save our green house.... I would like to work for non-profit organizations on campus to expand my network as well. During my time overseas as a student, my goals are to maintain good grades in school and become involved in social activities.

After I obtain my master's degree, I will come back to my beloved country Vietnam to apply for an international company in the public relations (PR) field. I will continue volunteering and supporting the poor. In addition, I will help my company to connect with more companies inside and outside of the country to expand the network. Afterward, with a widened network that I will have gained throughout my time studying abroad and working for my company, I will appeal to those companies and the government to open a house for the poor and homeless, where people can come to drop off their old stuff, (such as clothes and furniture, machines, etc.), and give to those in need.

Our Vietnam is still considered a developing country because of the poverty. The poor need help, and I have the ability to help. My plan is to establish a non-profit activity to raise funds, to enrich our country one day.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN ĐÌNH QUANG</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thị Minh Khai, Hà Chí Minh

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In the generation that “the world is flat”, young people have to study more and harder if they do not want to be detached from the industry. That might be the reason why students in developing countries prefer to go to study in developed countries to receive higher education! However, the fee to study abroad, for me, as well

as for most of the students, is a huge problem, thus, being provided a scholarship is a fantastic chance to make my dreams come true.

There are many vantages if I can get a scholarship to study in a developed country. Firstly, the scholarship is the evidence for my parents that I am ready to study and to live individually. Moreover, it also proves to myself that I can do what I want, thus, I will put all my hearts and minds into whatever I do in life, to live up to the expectations that a scholar must have. Besides that, I will try to impress the teachers to gain more opportunities to become a professor assistant, the position which can provide me many experiences!

I want to study about the media, so it is really essential for me to have abilities in communicating with people as well as accommodating to different living environments! Studying in developed countries bring me a good chance to work and to study in international environment, thus, I will do utmost to adapt to it, not only to make friends and to study easier, but also to gain more experiences for my future job!

At present, “brain drain” is one of the biggest problems that Vietnam is facing! Students in Vietnam are very intelligent, however, they prefer to work for foreign companies because of higher income and better environment! In the other hand, the quality of works in companies in Vietnam is not as effective as the companies in developed countries! Why? Workplaces in Vietnam comprise many talent Vietnamese, however, they let their personal problems between each other interrupt the works. It means that we are working in an unprofessional environment! In my opinions, “brain drain” and “unprofessional working habit” are one of the main reasons that hamper the development of my country!

It is impossible for one person to solve all the problems that a country has! However, I believe that with the knowledge I receive at universities, hopefully, I can change a small part in Vietnamese workplace! After graduated and returned to Vietnam, I will organize

some presentations for Vietnamese employees and students to show them about the importance of operations while working and studying and to let them know how essential is to work for the country. As I study about the media, I would have much knowledge about the society and besides that, while studying in an international university, my presentations skills would improve rapidly! That will help me with my goals!

As a high school students, I do not deny that it is hard for me to prepare for long time plans. From now on, I will do everything I can to get a scholarship in universities in developed countries, because, it is the shortest way to my dreams!

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Bài dự thi	86
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NHƯ Ý QUÁCH</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thượng Hiền, Hồ Chí Minh

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Our world is polluted seriously. The environment is endangered because of air pollution, water pollution. If I had a chance to be offered a scholarship from a developed country, i would try my best to find the perfect solution to solve the natural problems not only for my country but also the Earth as a biologist.

First, if I had a scholarship from a developed country, i would use that chance to achieve my goal. I will learn hard in order to have not knowledge but also know how to use modern techniques which are using commonly in developed country. So that when I come back to my country I can use what I have learned to help my country develop faster and modernizer to catch up with these developed countries. My country is an agricultural country that agriculture is the major section in our GDP. Growing poultry, cattle and doing farm is commonly in my country. I can help the farmers grows rice

and vegetables which not only grow well in our tropical weather but also have good quality and raise the productivity.

Second, the trash that we product is increasing day by day. There are trashes that can not be disintegrated or recycled. The water and the air are polluted because of industry and chemical that is discharged into the water and the ground. We have to do something prevent the nature from being polluted seriously right now. And it is our responsibility as the young human to find the best solution to save not only my country but also the Earth. I will use the knowledge that I have learned to do my best to find the best way to solve this problems. I'm having something in my head: create a new kind of microorganism that can disintegrate nylons, find some renewable powers that is environmental- friendly and limitless ....

Finally, the Earth is heating because of global warming. I think if I become an excellent biologist I can join a group of scientists together we solve these problems. This is the chance for our country take part in solving the problems with the world.

There are so many things I can do if I have chance to become an excellent biologist. And to be offered a scholarship from developed country, I can help not only my country from a developing to a modern country someday which is potential for investment from developed country and have high living standard for our people but also prevent our environment from pollution and global warming.

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Bài dự thi	87
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>MAI THIÊN ANH THU'</b>
Trường	THPT Phan Châu Trinh, Đà Nẵng

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Big opportunity does not come up every day and only few people can make use of it to succeed in life. Receiving a scholarship to study in a developed country is of course a great chance for me to

better my own life, my future as well as my country. At the time you seize that opportunity, the obstacles are on your way. However, to be succeed, you not only need to overcome it but also must have ambition, proper plan for life and always be optimistic because: “The beginning of every work is always arduous”, goes a saying.

Life has many options for careers such as being the architects, lawyers, doctors, etc. But it is no doubt that not every jobs are suitable for everyone. So, I contend that finding a field which I have passion for to study is the most important thing to list in my plan. For a long time ago, I have had great interest in project management, which plays a crucial role in modern life. Project management is the subject which studies the needed skills, tools and processes to guarantee the success of any projects. It is not only interesting to me but also helpful to our societies, which makes it worthier to study.

Nowadays, to reach the success line, everyone puts their own life target and try their best to reach it, so do I. Long ago, I always wonder: “Why Vietnamese crab meat is delicious but it is not world-wide famous? Why didn’t we have a branch name? And if we start to advertise it, what is to guarantee the success of the whole promotion project?” Over years, those questions have always shown up in my head, and soon led to my ambition of becoming a project manager. It was the child’s thought but it is not permanent, it gives rise to other projects in my country as well as those all over the world. This thought inspired me to study well in this field to give a long run solution for them. Certainly, I will try my best to finish perfectly the courses I took. Not only will it make my CV look good but also enable me to better contribute to my country development.

As time flew by, more and more efforts are being put in my future plan. Still dreams will always be dreams without a specific plan to make them come true. For that, my next step is making a plan to use my ‘time and money’ budget in the best way to reach my target. According to it, my common class schedule will be perfectly mixed with time for reading for major experiences from famous

practitioners. The tutoring and other types of fees will be considerably paid. Economizing plan could enable me to participate in some researches with my professors or friends. By doing so, my knowledge would be increased dramatically, my general view on this field will be widened, which would make future defiance be easier solved. Isn't it great?

Generally, being a successful person requires many factors. Ambition is important but not enough; being hard-working, having talent, well-planned 'money and time budget' spending are also needed. But first and foremost, wherever you live and whoever you are, to be a success one, you must have bravery to face defiance. There goes a saying: "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."- Winston Churchill.

Bài dự thi	88
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỊ HẢI NHƯ</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

There is no doubt that Vietnamese education system still exists quite a considerable number of problems explaining why many Vietnamese students chose to study abroad in developed countries. However, only a small proportion of students from wealthy families can afford to pay tuition fees and accommodation. Other students have to search for other ways to go abroad; for instance, they can work part-time, receive grants or financial aids. But the ultimate way to help them is through receiving an honorable scholarship. A scholarship is not only to support students but also to prove the student with good qualities.

Ever since I was a young and innocent child, under the supervision of my parents and teachers, I have been able to developed physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Once, while going

with on a voluntary campaign, I and my friends visited an orphanage where people raised homeless children and also children with rare diseases. When I first saw children suffering from cerebral palsy, it struck me as how terrible those neurological diseases were. Those children were unable to eat, to walk, and to talk properly, but the worst thing was that they could not think properly. We are different from animals because we can think, yet those children had lost it. Right at that moment, I recognized my true ambition. My biggest goal in life is to become a neurology doctor. Unfortunately, as I have mentioned, medical schools in Vietnam have not yet provided a sufficient base of knowledge as well as equipments . Moreover, studying abroad costs a huge amount of money, which my family cannot afford . Hence, if I am awarded a scholarship, I will make the best use of it to aim me on my way to fulfill my own ambition and to become a really good neurology doctor.

But receiving a scholarship and studying to become a neurology doctor is not the most important thing. What is more crucial is how I am going to contribute to the society after becoming one. Indeed, that question which was surely prompted in many student's mind, is not a bother to me because I am always aware of what I am doing. It is clear to me that I will go back to Vietnam after completing my study and work as a neurology doctor because our country is always in a great need of experts; besides, obviously the true reason of receiving a scholarship is to help one's own country . In addition, while doing my best to cure as many patients as possible, researches shall also be made on disease symptoms since neurology diseases are among the toughest ones and effective medicine has not yet been fully developed.

Being awarded a scholarship is an honorable thing, and like many students with big dreams, I myself am working days and nights to achieve it. Hence, I believe with all my heart that one day I shall be able to make my dreams come true.

Receiving a scholarship in a developed country is one of the most significant objective of my life. This is such an opportunity for me to prove myself and to contribute to my motherland. The challenge is how I exploit that chance in the most efficient way. I am benefited from up to date infrastructure of the international universities, which makes me feel comfortable to access to the state of the art technical and scientific achievements.

In Vietnam, succeeding in industrialization and modernization is national top priority. To reach the goal needs more talented, industrious and flexible people. My way of study comes from this requirement. Firstly, international universities provide me an international environment, which helps me get used to an active community. Then smart curriculums and credit programs help me understand thoroughly and specifically the bottom line so that I could apply the theory creatively to reality. Moreover, thanks to the modern facilities such as libraries and labs, access to necessary information is much easier and faster. During the process, self-studying is vital because the Vietnamese's traditional method costs a lot of my precious time. The longer I study, the more money I have to pay on renting or meals and so on which means uneconomical. Secondly, due to the smart schedule, I have enough time to complete my course as soon as possible. Furthermore, I can be able to intergrate myself into the community by participate in social services, part time jobs, and sports. As a result, my understanding with other colleagues as well as my social skills is improved which is essential when working in group or lecturing. On the other hand, knowledge of different cultures from other students is useful in the future scenario. Finally, after graduation, I will have been equiped with appropriate professional qualifications to dedicate my career to the development of my beloved country.

In a conclusion, no university in Vietnam helps me to extend comprehensively my ability better and more effective than the one in a developed country. Today is the age of integration, friendship and cooperation, we need to have the right vision and action. Anyone with the right purpose and determination will success. Studying is not only for certification, but also contribution for a greater goal, your country.

There is a will, there is a way. (American proverb)

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRƯƠNG THỤY THỦY TIÊN</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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Winning a scholarship to study abroad, especially in a developed country is the dream of all high school students, including a girl who always nurtures a hope of becoming an architect like me. With such a great chance, I would definitely seize and take full advantage of it to not only better myself but also contribute somehow to reflect Vietnamese culture and spirits through architectural constructions.

I would not hesitate to study abroad in a developed country because firstly, I can have more chances to practice. Learning theories is important but practicing them is another matter. Theories sometimes do not suit reality, so practice is more essential, particularly in a practical field like architecture. In addition, I can broaden my knowledge through working part time as an apprentice. This not only helps me get used to working environment but also provides me sufficient skills and experiences for future jobs. Thirdly, studying abroad gives me an opportunity to develop my personality. Facing the world alone when studying far away from home without parents' observation and guidance, I have to teach myself how to become more confident, independent and responsible. Finally, the scholarship to study in a developed country is also a good luck for

me to gain invaluable life experience for overcoming obstacles in the future.

I never have a thought that this chance of studying overseas benefits only my family and me. I always wonder how I can give a hand to the development of Vietnamese architecture. Thanks to the scholarship, I have opened my mind and figured out what I really concerned and how to fulfill my dream. As far as I know, traditions can be reflected vividly through architectural constructions. We have seen the impressive example of Japanese architecture through designs of gardens, houses in this island country, which clearly reflects Japanese deep-seated tradition: living harmoniously with nature. I want to contribute the same thing to Vietnamese architecture. I wish to see more and more buildings, monuments in our country that convey the spirits, culture of the whole nation and its peoples. I hope to bring the images of the phoenix, the dragon and other religious beliefs, which used to be an important part in Vietnamese culture, back to life in modern architectural constructions. Hopefully, these works will make people all around the world contemplate admiringly and admit that: these sophisticated and outstanding structure and design features are unique to Vietnam. Architecture will play an important role in reminding people everywhere of Vietnamese traditions and culture. It sounds like a lifelong dream; however, I will do my best to achieve it with the support of the useful scholarship. One thing for sure, I will come back after finishing my courses to bring new changes for Vietnamese architecture as my promise.

In short, I will make the best use of the scholarship awarded to study overseas in a developed country to fulfill my dream of becoming a dedicated architect and make useful contribution to the development of Vietnamese architecture.

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Bài dự thi	91
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐỖ HÀ PHƯƠNG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Bình Định

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In the actual situation of economic globalization increasingly closer to the world, in order to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor, nations and international organizations in developed countries offer many scholarships to students in developing areas so that they can help attribute to the development of their countries.

Grasping those opportunities, Vietnamese pupils are becoming more active and confident in finding themselves some scholarships, full or partial in Europe, America or Oceania. And many of them have succeeded and are now seriously studying and enriching knowledge for a better future.

Based on personality and interests, you should put strong emphasis on fields which relate to your future job during your training course in overseas. Some are comfortable in dynamic and confident European work environment, otherwise Asia culture with order, clear rules and strictness is suitable for the rest. In order that you can integrate with new work environment, you must spend time making friends with others from all over the world and learning their cultures, which is useful for you later in a flexible work environment. These friendships also increase their awareness of VietNam and by the chance introduce famous landscapes as well as specialities here. Each of oversea students like you will contribute to broadcasting great image of VietNam.

Besides, you need to prove the intelligence of VietNameese students. To get that, there is no way except studying hard for good records which as a part of your application form will bring to you more chances to stand out and to be recruited well. You may not be the best but at least you try to be the best and that is the point.

Additionally, you also need to strengthen health with various sport activities instead of always blocking yourself in room with high floors of books. Sports certainly is the best way of having more friends as well as relaxing after school. Don't care so much about your limitation, they are just for fun . Your mates will assist you or they also can teach you some skills to perform better, which surely reinforces your friendship and team work spirit.

Equally important, extracurricular activities like social and humanity ones also need taking to raise your sympathy for unlucky people. These not only help you feel inspired having a much luckier life but also perfect your resume when finding job.

Last but not least, you should pay a close attention to the civilization of the country where you are studying. This will give you a full comparison to find the best way to help VietNam develop when the world is becoming flat.

When more and more foreign companies have been investing in Viet Nam, domestic corporations must change to find their competitive advantages. It is also time for specialists at "headhunter" work to look for medium and high quality human resources to meet the increasing needs of the common market. Overseas students are expected to be one of the most noticeable human resources.

However, currently employers are becoming more strict, requiring candidates to have many qualities, potential to be trained over the long term rather than mass recruitment in the previous years. So if you want to find yourself a suitable job and do not want to waste time, money and effort training abroad, you should consider these above seriously, which must be useful to make a full use of your study.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHAN VO LINH CHI</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

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As a child, I vacillated between potential careers depending on the media darling of the day. However, as I matured, I realized that my choice of career would be one of my most important decisions and can be based on neither puerile passions nor others' opinions. Therefore, I spent a substantial amount of time researching where my talents truly lie, and what I want to achieve in life. I have finally felt the answer taking shape in my mind. I want to become a talented, gracious and successful business woman, a dream that I am more likely to achieve by studying abroad.

It was my mother who opened my eyes to the idea of studying overseas. Both my parents went to college in Germany on full scholarships, which enabled my mother to compare the two education systems. Having always understood me better than I knew myself, and noticing my receptiveness to language acquisition, she encouraged me to study abroad. Many students in developing countries regard studying overseas as a way to escape the wilderness of poverty and enter a new world of enlightenment and abundance. However, I see it as a rewarding adventure through which I will be exposed to greater cultural diversity. Being immersed in different social situations will provide me with broader perspectives and an open mind. This will be useful as I embark upon business studies that require good general knowledge and the ability to analyze information from a variety of viewpoints. Additionally, I will be able to expand my social network internationally, which will boost my future career. Studying away will mean leaving my loved ones and moving to a completely unfamiliar place which will be challenging; however, it is only through meeting challenges that we improve ourselves. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort

and convenience, but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy". I believe with the experience and knowledge I will gain while studying abroad, I will become a more useful member of my society.

Through volunteer activities at orphanages and schools for the disabled, I have seen how hard it can be to make it in life and how many disadvantaged people there are still in my country. This further reinforced my belief in the need to use one's abilities for the betterment of others. Coming from an altruistic social and religious background, I developed a strong desire to use my profession as a tool to alleviate poverty and the suffering caused by the long term consequences of war. After studying abroad and analyzing the factors and techniques leading to the prosperity of developed nations, I will return to my country, using my knowledge to contribute to my community by creating jobs and developmental programs.

For me, education is not a rigorous duty but something I hope to enjoy in order to fulfill my goals in life. Studying abroad will probably be one of the toughest educational challenges I will ever face but I am ready to take it on and be molded by the experience to build a better future not only for myself and my family, but hopefully also for my community and country.

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Bài dự thi	93
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HOÀNG PHÚC LÂM</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Đà Nẵng

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I love the green. Plants and animals can be a rich source of inspiration for my work. And they are being gradually destroyed not only in Vietnam but also in every continent all over the world. That's what make me set my mind with all my heart to study

environment in Australia – one of the most environment friendly countries with great opportunities and exciting challenges.

Studying abroad give me a chance to learn the new. At university, I will try not to miss any second available to consult with well-educated environmental professionals, who are highly sought after nationally and internationally. To the best of my ability, I must make the best effort to engrave knowledge that are fundamental to understanding environmental issues. It is also essential to make use of the wonderful studying condition that the university provides : state-of-the-art facilities, convenient life, high standard education program and beautiful campus. Beside the course time, putting myself in the tune with local citizens is of vital importance. I will try to make out in what way has Australia become well-known for its environment-friendliness, how their ecological biodiversity is preserved and how those Oceania people keep their hometowns clean, etc... Moreover, I will do research on all applied environment policies , green projects and methods which are applicable to my beloved Vietnam.

Then, Living abroad enables me to be well-equipped with necessary qualifications for becoming a successful global environment activist. It is a valuable opportunity for me to practice independence, self-strength and endurance. What I must do is to abandon the homesickness and the loneliness to integrate into the global community , have a part-time job to deal with financial crisis and improve physical health. Nevertheless, joining a group of people like a club or a team is absolutely worth consuming time. They are ideal places to find friends and perform myself. Foreign pals are helpful long-term cooperators, some of whom might be my “future colleagues”, who share the same dream to make the world green and peaceful. I hope to receive cooperation from these great people to bring green projects to fruition . Making contact with organizations such as the Environment Institute of Australia to ask for support for future career is something I certainly have to do.

Last but not least, It is really a waste not going on a tour around Australia . It is totally perfect to visit the historic Adelaide city known for its vibrant culture with an appreciation of theatre, art and museums, conquer Australia's second-largest and most cosmopolitan city-Melbourne, taking pictures in front of The Opera House and the Harbor of Sydney or touch the Koala myself.

Every moment I live and study in such distant country, I always say to myself that I have to keep trying and learning and never forget to show people where I come from as well as making a warming invitation for a visit to Vietnam, the greenest country of the Earth one day.

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Bài dự thi	96
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN KIM KHÁNH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lương Thế Vinh, Đồng Nai

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If given an opportunity to study abroad, I would choose Canada in order to develop not only my future but also my country's. For one thing, Canada's education system offers high academic standards; for another, Canada is one of the very few countries in the world that shows full respect for human rights and equality.

It has always been my biggest ambition to be one of my country's top lawmakers. I am choosing Law in university in order to earn a doctor degree. I hope that with an advanced education and good experiences, I will be able to help to approve a new marriage law in Vietnam. By this, I am referring to Canada's Civil Marriage Act in 2005, which legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. I want to apply the same thing for my people.

In 1911, our great saviour and leader - President Ho Chi Minh - went to France, which was considered a civilized country in his time. He

approached a new culture and ideal and even had a position in a French party. With his experiences and skills learnt from the trip, he freed Vietnam from being a colonial. I wish to follow Uncle Ho's path and fight for same-sex marriage in Vietnam. While studying in Canada, I also want to study the people, especially their open-mindedness. Together with the academic skills in Law, I will try hard to gain social ones such as creativity, communication and self-confidence. All these will help me when I come back to Vietnam and make an effort to approve same-sex marriage law. There are going to be hard times when I have to face the protest public and I shall need my independence earned from those away-from-home days. I also wish to be acquaintances with people from LGBT rights organizations in Canada; they will be a great help for me to influence the local media.

As soon as same-sex marriage is legalized in Vietnam, my own future will turn into a new page. Apparently, it feels so wrong for me to say "Yes, I do" while many others in my nation cannot. The new law would just change everything positively. My children would be allowed to marry anyone they love and would not have to hide their sexuality from their own parents.

Furthermore, I believe it is important to consider a marriage law that is meant for everybody, as we once quoted from the USA in our Declaration of Independence (1945): 'All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness'. This quote is my source to believe a true equality will help to define a country's development.

In conclusion, I believe that my ambition is not as impossible as it may sound. Studying abroad would be one of the best ways to achieve the dream. If I was given such opportunity, I would definitely make good use of it, as explained above.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN QUỐC HIẾU</b>
Trường	THPT Quốc tế APU, Hồ Chí Minh

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I am a creative person, I get fascinated creating projects, making marketing plans, especially designing clothes. I don't know why but when I do it, I see the world gets better, and I myself feel better. My master is creation, it is part of me. I can't imagine how I could live without it. That's why I desire to run a tailoring business and a shopping mall to support for my dream and the development of my country. But in other to make my ambition comes true. I have to study a lot about business, finance, marketing, foreign policy, economy, manager and of course fashion and style. However, it will be more convenient and helpful if I have a granted scholarship. The scholarship will help my study; it gives me an opportunity to study in a good environment, where my talent will be increased. And when my studies are completed, I look forward to turning back and serving for my country, Vietnam.

Tailoring is a creative industry. Vietnam has lots of jobs belonged directly to the field of creativity, but not the creative industry. Therefore, I decide to open my own tailoring companies and teach the people the true meaning of this industry, and rise up Vietnamese's creation to go more advanced to reach the pinnacle of success. Running this type of business without creation is a failure. Tailoring industry in Vietnam is mainly processed, but making a tiny of profits. We are skillful about this industry but we haven't interpreted our creation and passion into the products that we've made. In the future, I want to associate with the power of magazine, film, music, internet and other media to develop our tailoring business. Furthermore, I will make a trading -net with other countries, to bring our products to the next level of development. Our products will be well-known and exported around the world.

If my business is worked successfully as I plan. It will make more branches across the country. I will earn more and more money. And Vietnam is got better and well-recognized if I become a fortune businessman, because my business can support lots of good jobs with well-paid money. When people are well-paid, their finance will grow and the economy of the country will also be raised up.

I 'm a generous person, I like to do charity. I want to share part of the money that I have to the poor people in Vietnam, for those people who have a difficult live but strongly move on. I want to share my money for the unlucky children who are left behind by their parents. I want to give the money for the orphans that will never know who their parents are. The development of a country is based on the education. I'd like to donate money to open schools in the countryside and also in the city to improve this issue. And if impossible, I dream to support all the poor in the world, especially the African. And from that point, Vietnam is no longer a developing country but a wealthy nation.

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Bài dự thi	98
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÝ TRÁCH THỨC</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hồ Chí Minh

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Realizing how the Vietnamese generations had devoted themselves to our magnificent revolutionary cause, I came to know the meaning of my life is to contribute to our country where I have spent my happy days with my family, my friends... What should I do for my country which nourishes my soul in years?

Coming closer to the turning point of life, I have found biotechnology my destination. I have been interested in the process how chemical substances modify plants growing and animals maturing. Besides, biotechnology has had a tremendous impact on

agriculture which has held a crucial place in Vietnamese economy from the earliest days. My dream is to research on the chemical substances promoting the plant-growth, which would help the farmers increase their income. Everything may be possible if the advanced techniques are widely applied. It is an unfortunate fact that although Vietnam is considered as an agricultural country, the advantages in weather, soil and even the valuable experience Vietnamese farmers gained in the past are not well used due to the lack of high technology. Many biotech projects have been carried out in the Universities but these have not been applied yet. The techniques are not as practical and high as one in developed countries such as America, Australia, Canada...

Finally, a plan for my future is carefully made. Based on my right purpose contributing to Vietnamese agriculture and the situation that biotechnology in Vietnam has just been taken its first steps, I determinedly decide to win a scholarship to study in a developed-biotechnology country to pursue my dream. By that way, firstly, I can approach more opportunities to advance my knowledge and get used to the high technology. A university with a good biotechnology department would be the best place for me because it must be well-equipped, and the lessons are taught by experienced professors. Secondly, participating in such environment, I have a chance to draw a vital analogy between biotechnology in Vietnam and in the developed one, then conclude the main reason causing the differences, and far more solve the difficulties, ameliorate Vietnam's biotechnology. In addition to the academic study, my social skills would be improved when I can grow out of my shell and be independent of my family, open my point of view. Scholarship is actually a promising but also risky plan. A great deal of obstacles which a whole new environment brings such as language gap, culture dissimilarity, homesick... requires my determination and strong-will to overcome. I surely believe that with the right goal at first, I would do my best to tackle these little imminent difficulties and get great firm success at last. Considering both sides, studying abroad is not only an opportunity but also a challenge and

scholarship is a golden chance for me achieving my dream and completing myself.

In short, if I won a scholarship to study abroad, things would happen according to my plan then I would succeed my dream contributing to Vietnam agriculture.

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Bài dự thi	99
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>BÙI NGỌC QUỲNH NGUYỄN</b>
Trường	THPT Quốc tế American, Hồ Chí Minh

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If I am offered a scholarship to study abroad in a developed country, I will utilize this opportunity as best as I can in order to achieve my future goal of being a CEO with certain required degrees so that I can return to Vietnam to assist my parents with their company, as well as contribute greatly on my country by supporting to give an adequate education to the new generations. Although there are many high-quality international schools and universities in Vietnam, I realize that the best environment where I can get the most possibilities to develop my own skills is to study abroad.

Receiving a scholarship enables my parents not to be responsible for my tuitions anymore, and that means I will have to work extra hard as a sponsored student to complete my course the best of my ability, showing my appreciation and grate to the ones who give me the scholarship. I will use my time wisely to develop as many aspects for my future area as I can, including socializing and making new relationships. Within more relationships, my chances in life will grow and so that I will have someone to trust in or cooperate with. I have to cherish every single chance or relationship I have, because it only comes once in a while and is really hard to get. However, I think having a part-time job is somehow unnecessary for me because I'm already given a scholarship. That doesn't mean I'm lazy or being dependent on my parents, but that actually allows me to have

more time in order to concentrate on my studying so that eventually I can earn expected results. Besides, I suppose my parents' income could afford my daily life's needs if I know how to control my money. In spite of many great things I could earn through this scholarship, I acknowledge that this opportunity is also double-edged, one way or the other it can lead me to a good track or a bad track. Choices have consequences, I will have to be real consistent and determined on what I'm doing and be responsible for it.

Besides developing on my second language, I'm planning to study my native language as well. I will only be successful with my second language if I'm already successful with my real root. Additionally, if I have extra time, I will use it to study the third language so that socializing will be easier for me.

In brief, I've come to realize that education is the first very important step to get in order to achieve other things in life. Therefore, I will complete my opportunity of studying abroad meaningfully and later come back to Vietnam to help other people to be successful like me. I will also work to convey different cultural ideas of other foreign countries to Vietnamese people so that they can develop their own skills as well as the connections with the world.

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Bài dự thi	100
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VŨ THỊ BÍCH TRÂM</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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Learning abroad in developed countries appears to be the dream of many students specially from the poor countries like Viet Nam. But not everyone can take advantages of this opportunity.

Like many other students who had chance to learn at Oxford university, Kim, a daughter of a learned family, left home for the

first time, brought along not only all the pride but also nervousness and fear to set her foot on the economy college-Oxford university. Kim couldn't help crying, before her eyes was her dreaming school, together with many troubles right when she handed in her dossier at the new school. Many of her friends had given up. However, with the help of an unexpected teacher, her professor's assistant, who was later to be her boyfriend, Kim determined on achieving her aim: getting the degree of Oxford university in economy in one year. She changed her timetable in a more logical way, suitable for the weather and condition of England. She worked parttime for an extra income but still managed to catch up with the learning program. Kim had to study on her own, read books in the library and asked her boyfriend if she had any questions. Together with increasing knowledge, She practiced English every day so that her skill of English could improve rapidly. Making more new friends who saved her from breaking down because of loneliness and helped her to get accustomed to the weather and people in the new place, Kim also tried to introduce Viet Nam: "Why don't you visit me in Viet Nam this summer? I'll take you to the most interesting places..." Kim always missed her country - her biggest pride and found it a relief to chat with her friends about it. She talked about Viet Nam with the most beautiful feeling of a citizen. Subsequently, she studied about the culture of England and got more knowledge about the education system here with the aim of developing Vietnam's. She tried her best, because of her own honour, her family's expectation and moreover, her Viet Nam. She said to herself that surrender meant losing everything. That's why she was the only one redid the economy graduating test successfully. She had changed the opinion of many professors about other Vietnamese students like her. She made every one to look up on Vietnamese students and to appreciate Viet Nam. Being interviewed, she said: "I want people from all over the world know Viet Nam as the country of excellent people, I want my family, my hometown to be proud of me, inhance Vietnamese's tradition. I want to be one of the pioneers who widen the gate for Vietnemesse students to communicate with foreign countries. I want

to use my knowledge, the things I learned from Oxford to develop my country.”

Kim was the main character of my favorite book, which attracted me a lot. How confident and brave was she to overcome such a hard task like that? I am a student, like Kim, I always dream of a scholarship to learn abroad, having chances to improve myself and introduce Viet Nam to the world. I consider it's not important whether students will come back to Viet Nam after learning or not. The importance is that if they return to Viet Nam, how will they contribute to it, and if they stay, how can they make people around the world appreciate Viet Nam. One year living in England, Kim justified everybody's trust. She achieved both aims: perfecting herself and contributing to her Viet Nam. She could be proud to say that she was Vietnamese, not only her, Vietnamese people are also very brave, confident and hard-working, Viet Nam can develop rapidly in the future. She is the person I want to follow. And if someone asked me what I would do to improve myself and contribute to my Viet Nam if I had a total scholarship to a developed country, I would say that I would try as hard as I can, like Kim did her best in England.

Bài dự thi	101
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN NGỌC KHÁNH</b>
Trường	THPT Trần Nguyên Hãn, Bà Rịa Vũng Tàu

I'm not good at writing so if I made mistakes , please bypass ...

Let me tell you a story ... about a girl .....

From grade 1 to grade 6 , she had a lot of friends , she was spontaneous , but everything had changed when she was in grade 7 , her friends became strange and began to segregate her ... even her best friend ... they played dirty tricks on her ... she didn't know

why ... she felt disappointed... from that time to the end of the grade 9 , she just wanted one thing that the time elapse as fast as it could ... time went ....

When she was a senior high school student , she was so worried : how are the new friends ? Am I still like before ? .... Surprisingly , her new friends were very good ... they made her feel happy ... they helped her to throw away the bad past and live happily ... but she was worried a again ... most of her friends were blunt , straight , and self-confident ... she was inferiority complex ... in addition, her mother said ,”you had a great ability to become one of the best student , you lack nothing but the will and self-confidence , just watch your friends and learn “ ... that made her more nervous ...

She thought a lot ... and one day ... one thing changed her mind when she read the newspapers ... the time she saw the notice , she decided to try onething ... “This could be the start of something new for me” ... she thought ...

Did you guess who it is ? ... yes , it’s me ... I’m that girl ...

A developed country ? I never think about that ...

My mother works for VAVA so I soon realize the danger of dioxin to people ... beside most of inhabitant’s lives are poor and hard ... Now , I want to be a newspaper reporter , I want to show people about the life of the poor , the victims of agent dioxin ... then everyone who has ability can help them ... “ We will never know if we don’t try “ (...) Everyone is brothers , sisters and family ... Helpinh each other , is that the good things ?!! ... if a country didn’t have solidarity , how could it develop ?!! ... so now ... stand up , start giving our love despite little things ...

So if I could be received for the scholarship , I would try my best to do 3 things :

First , I want to change , to be more confident , to find the other girl inside me.

Second , I want to focus on my study and improve my skills.

The last and also the most important thing , I want to bring Vietnam to other countries ... You will be surprised ...

That are all the things I want to say ...

I promise that I'll try my best not to disappoint you ...

Thanks for reading this essay ...

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Bài dự thi	103
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>MAI PHƯƠNG DUNG</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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On my trip to Thailand two years ago, I met an Italian tourist who asked me how I felt about living in “a country of war”, the concept which I found quite stupefying. Is war the very thing that represents my country? Why, after more than 30 years since the end of the war, are we still unable to renew completely the Vietnam’s image in foreigners' minds, whereas Thai beaches could redeem theirs from the catastrophic tsunami in 2005 only within several months?

As a citizen, I cannot keep myself aloof from that issue. The thought that the nation urgently needs young people like me to play the ambassadorial role in promoting its image has initiated my dream of studying abroad. This aspiration of mine, if ever becomes real, will give me chances to accomplish two purposes.

First, due to my meeting with more foreign students, I will be able to challenge the common stereotypes about my country by showing them the real Vietnam. Sometimes I envisage myself wearing ao dai,

dancing the Vietnamese traditional dance in front of my international friends' applause, and another time debating international affairs with up-to-date knowledge. Consequently, young people from other countries will infer from me - a representative of Vietnam's future generation - that we are no longer "a country of war" but rather a peaceful, welcoming one whose main incentive to thrive is the mix of both traditional and modern values.

Second, what I gain from a developed country will facilitate my dream of stimulating my country's tourism industry. For many years, I have been harbouring the dream of setting up a travel company whose purpose is to introduce to foreign tourists my country's awe-inspiring landscapes as well as rich culture. Although Vietnam's potential for tourism development is enormous, our "smokeless industry" has until now not gained proper status in the world. It is my personal conviction that what is vitally important to its development today is not only natural resources but also the skills with which we make this business. Learning tourism management in a developed country can equip me with such necessary skills like event-organizing and public-speaking, most of which are not properly taught in Vietnam's universities. Furthermore, studying abroad is a good chance for me to get to know different tastes of people from different cultures, so that my company can design tours and provide service which most suit them. Those skills and experiences, I believe, are effective techniques for my company as well as the whole country's tourism industry to grow.

In conclusion, what I will try my best to do if I win a scholarship to study abroad is to enthusiastically join the global information-exchanging circle, which, in other words, is the simultaneous processes of give-and-take. Whereas the first purpose deals with showing others my country's desirable characteristics, the second one is about learning from theirs. Hopefully one day my country's new identity will be confirmed by both the fact that its tourism industry has flourished dramatically and the new stereotype in foreigners' minds that its citizens are living in peace and tranquility.

Nowadays, a lot of Vietnamese students choose to extend their education in developed countries such as the USA, Britain, Japan, Australia,... There are many reasons for this, both social and personal ones. However, for one to attain the most from an education abroad, he should have his mind clear on the purpose of his choice. I, now still a high school students, do intend on continue my education in a university abroad. To prepare for this embarkment, I often ask myself: "What will I get from this experience? How much can I extend myself? What can I do for my own life and then for the future of my Vietnam?". Eventually, I have been trying to provide the answers, making them more concrete by combining the information I get from the media as well as from my own experiences.

From my point of view, an education abroad can provide me with many opportunities, which in the long run will benefit me and my country as a whole. However, putting aside the familiar advantages of a holistic curriculum, modern laboratories, excellent facilities, ..., I want to emphasize one crucial element only, which I take as the most important aspect of studying abroad: the way people in developed countries think. Personally, I think the way one individual thinks plays a major role in that one's advancement in life, as well as in the development of his own country. Frankly, Vietnamese students are bright but not so practical- we know how to solve difficult math problems, but at the same time don't know how to plan, conduct and make a project work. In studying abroad, I want to learn from our foreign fellows the practicality in assessing an idea, the meticulousness in planning, as well as the step-by-step procedure in realizing it. Vietnamese people, traditionally, tend to come up with a lot of ideas but hardly ever can put them into practice (due to lack of determination and careful planning). In contrast, our foreign

friends, as far as I am concerned, assess a project thoroughly and determine to see it through. In my opinion, Vietnamese students in another country should learn that from our friends: to focus on the task at hand, rather than to think about big issues but then forget to tackle minor ones.

In sum, a chance to study abroad is a chance to broaden my knowledge, hone my skills, build my flexibility and, more important than most, to change my way of thinking. With it, I can build my own life by bringing all the intangibles of my mind into the tangibles of realities. Then, on a larger scale, each little piece of this tangible reality, when combined, can make a concrete block of achievements and advancements, thus developing our country as a whole.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYEN NU NHU THAO</b>
Trường	International School of Ho Chi Minh - City College Campus, Hồ Chí Minh

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Making a film is a way of telling the audience a story. Film is an entertainment product. Film can transfer the deep messages about lessons we learn in life. Film can also represent a culture and the development of a nation. Through every minute of a film, the audience can find themselves somewhere, to understand the things that seem simple that they see in everyday life. That is why I love films, and also why I want to study about film. Studying abroad about producing film will be a tool for me to have a big step forward for the career I've chosen, and also a way to develop the film industry of Vietnam.

My family has a tradition of working with films. My uncles and my father are the first teachers of mine in about films. My father is the one who influence me the most. He has been guiding me to the film career since I was a child. He spends time talking with me about my

decisions for the future, encourage me to do what I like, help me to understand the filming environment, which could be very tense. Through those days spending time together, he teaches me lessons about life and about the job. Those lessons give me the strength and the will to reach my dream, which is to be a good film producer. The job of a film producer is very hard, tense and stressful. The main jobs are to balance between the quality of the film and the investment, organize the activities of the film crew and control the expenses while the film is progressing. They are difficult jobs and the expectation is high. However, I believe that with the help, guidance and instructions with my family, specially my father, I will succeed.

The Vietnam film market is developing quickly and is demanding for highly trained workforce. However, there is a skill gap in the employment market. There is a very small number of highly trained film producers in Vietnam. After I've returned to Vietnam, I will need a job as a film producer in order to earn the experiences working in the film environment. This gap will ensure me a job when I come back. After that, with the knowledge I have and the experiences, I can improve myself to be a good producer who can work efficiently and professionally. The job will best fit what I've been trained for, and it is my passion, therefore I'll be able to live with it.

Nowadays, life of Vietnamese people is improving, and the demand for entertaining also increase. People go to the cinema more and more everyday. However, people just come to watch international films. This proves that the Vietnamese film market is not strong and stable enough to attract people to watch Vietnamese films. Vietnamese films only strong in Tet holidays, the traditional holidays for Vietnamese people. One of the problem is the audiences are demanding for valuable films, and Vietnamese film crews are not satisfying them. This might be because of the story of the films, small amount produced and lack of investment. A good producer will be able to look for the investment and make a good film. This is

what I'll be trained for. After studying about film production, I'll be able to produce valuable films which can attract people to go to cinemas to watch Vietnamese films, and also to raise awareness of the international film industry about our films. Valuable films can be sent to international film festivals in order to introduce the culture of Vietnam to people from all over the world. Moreover, historical films can demonstrate the characteristics of Vietnamese people in different periods of time. A strongly develop of the film industry can improve tourism and encourage people to study about Vietnam. Through that, more people will now about Vietnam and encourage the investment from other countries into Vietnam. This can help develop the economic of Vietnam.

Film is a passion of mine and I want to give a part of me to develop it. if I have a chance to study about film production, I can satisfy my own passion, have a good job and help develop Vietnam.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN CAO TẤN KHẢI</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Tiền Giang, Tiền Giang

In the mean time, the world is going on a nonstop development in every aspect. With the achievements in many scientific fields, the whole world seems to be closer and closer. We human are living in an age of globalization. To the pupils and students' viewpoint, it has never been better to find themselves scholarships in this very time of life to be able to develop to the best, as well as to turn their dreams of the future into reality.

As a senior student, I am trying to find a scholarship to a developed foreign country. If I have my scholarship and I am to prepare for my new life of an international student in some university, I will make clear, concrete plans to make every use of my scholarship.

Firstly, I will have a plan to prepare before leaving for the new place.

Living in a developed country, I believe it will be the US or some country in Europe. Therefore, preparing for the best abilities of English language usage is never redundant. I will try my best to practice using English in daily conversations or in scientific topics. It also helps me create a sense of self-confidence, and I will easily keep pace with my new friends and partners in the new country.

In addition, I will try mastering some new knowledge of the faculty I will be studying in the near future. Doing this stuff will not only help me widen my knowledge but also let me get on well with working in the university.

Secondly, I will create a plan of how to work effectively in the university to head for my future.

The most important thing, in the university where I am to achieve a scholarship, is that I have to try my best to study, and study well, and study as well as I can. What I think I should do is that I have to attend every class and concentrate to master every piece of what the professors want to teach. After working time in the university, I will spend a reasonable space of time in the library to get some extra knowledge of what I learned, as well as to review the main points of the lectures.

Besides, when working in the university, I will try to make as many friends as possible. As my will, I want to work in the field of business. Therefore, having plenty of good relationships will help me a lot in the future. What more is, I am an international student in the university. Relationships with other students from that developed country or other international students who have scholarships will enrich my cultural knowledge, which will be a great help to me when working with foreigners in the future.

Moreover, I will try to gain extra work with the professor. What I mean is that I will ask the professors whether they can offer me part-time jobs like helping them type the lectures, preparing for their presentations in classes or giving comments to the papers handed to them by students. This will be some very spectacular experience I may get, because this is one of the best ways of working part-time as well as enlarging my knowledge.

Thirdly, I will have my arrangements to make my own life interesting and useful.

I will try some jobs on Saturdays and Sundays. Other than jobs concerning to school work, I want to work as a waiter, a shopkeeper or a burger-seller, because I think that besides theoretical knowledge, one should have life experience. Furthermore, working as an employee will teach me how to please both the bosses and the customers. I think I may earn some extra money while working to afford some more books.

I think what I do in my plans is all what develops my own future, together with devoting to my country's development. Working with foreigners, I may get to know their thinking styles and lifestyles, which helps me much in the future if I ask for investigations to my country. Moreover, I may know about what foreigners want to invest or exploit from my country's market, so I can lead them the right way to bring about benefits to both the foreigners and my country. And as a connector, I may bring my country closer to the whole world's improvements by introducing more and more foreign companies to my country.

To sum up, I think that scholarships are not easy to achieve, as well as it is difficult to live on one's own in a faraway country. So we students should consider carefully about the chances of scholarships, and make good plans for ourselves to make use of every good thing that scholarships bring about.

In my opinion, I would love to state that scholarships are greatest chances for students to prove themselves of their self-confidence and their skill and spirit. Living alone and maybe speaking a second or foreign language require the students to be very good-controlled and independent, not to be struck by social evils such as drugs or alcohol, or not to fall into the status of stress or depression. I suddenly think of a very famous quote from “The old man and the sea” by Ernest Hemingway, which is my favorite quote and is to strengthen our spirits in every circumstance: “A man can be destroyed but not defeated”.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN PHƯỚC BẢO NGỌC</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thượng Hiền, Hồ Chí Minh

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I am a 10 grade student who specializes in English in Nguyen Thuong Hien high school. As far as I know, going abroad to study is the dream of many students and pupils in Vietnam. Each of us always tries our best to find a scholarship for ourselves, but not many of us want to go back to serve the country. And that's the reason why there are so many geniuses in our country but we have not still developed as other countries in the areas .

If I have the chance to receive a scholarship in a developed country ,the first thing I will do is to write out a detailed plan for myself. As it is going to be an important turning-point in my life, I will try to ensure that I will not miss any chances to succeed. Preparing carefully for the future is the key to many goals in a person's life

Deciding how to direct your future in the right way is also like taking the steps to figure out what is the best way to change and develop our country. As for me, I want to study painstakingly but also know how to overcome the gulf between theory and practice.

I'm a 16-year-old girl who is usually indulged by my family. And now studying overseas will make me stronger and more independent on every obstacles I will meet in my life. There are some times in your life that you can not rely on anybody, there are some times that you need to learn the experience the hard way. And I believe that if I manage to stand on my own feet, my dream of improving the quality of life in Vietnam will not be far away anymore.

In developed countries like The United States or England, there are many good things that I need to learn. For instances, the inhabitants here always have the sense not to do things that harm the community. They never let themselves dump garbage on the streets or elbow others out in the public. These are just the minor things in everyday life, but if Vietnamese don't take care of them, they will lead to many bad consequences in the long run.

Going abroad to study is an exciting experience. I will make use of it and note down any good habits I see from people in developed countries. Observing with an inquiring mind may lead us to a lot of creative ideas and genius ways of memorizing knowledge. In short, my success in the future depends on how I am trying to work for the moment. It means that I need to study the theories in schools and learn from the tiniest things in real life. Furthermore, studying abroad may give me the chance of traveling to different places. This will enrich the knowledge of the cultures and histories of quite a few countries around the world.

And "How am I going to contribute to the development of my country?" is a hard question that former generations have always been concerned. To me, firstly, you need to make the connection between you and the country. I ought to love Vietnam from the bottom of my heart with a thorough understanding of my country. This will give me the motivation to go through difficulties and look on the bright side whenever I encounter a problem.

In my opinion, if I want to develop my country, the best way is to become the leader. After many years studying abroad, I will have a lot

of experience and knowledge from school and reality. I will try to learn from the experience of my predecessors and start new ways of controlling the country. This will not going to be easy at first but gradually, I will manage to find out what all of us need to do to develop the country

Being a normal citizen does not mean that we can not contribute to the development of the country. As a citizen, I will have more chances to be on a fact-finding tour of people's lives. As my desire is to build a company of my own, I will then have the money to support the poor in my country. And I also want to use the money to give scholarships to students all around Vietnam, to make them understand how much the country relies on young generations to change and improve the life of million people all around Vietnam.

I love my country, that is why I need to challenge myself to go far far away from my family and friends to explore the outside world. I want to know what makes other countries so prosperous and civilized in order to turn back to build my country stronger than ever. Going abroad to study is a dream of myself but it is also a responsibility that I need to take to serve my country in the best way that I can. And as always, I am proud to say out loud that I am a Vietnamese, a nation which has one of the most magnanimous history and beautiful culture in the whole world.

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Họ và tên thí sinh **ĐÀO DUY BẢO**

Trường THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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Studying abroad is not easy, but it gives us a lot of chance to learn, to gain experience, to interact with the world and to create a great career in the future. Depend on each person, each purpose, studying abroad gives us a advantage that effect us in different way. But I am sure that if you give me a scholarship from a developed country, I

can use all its advantages to develop my future, to contribute to my country's development.

I have a younger sister and by the time I finish college, my parent will retire, I will have to take care of my sister, that means I need a really great career to support my family. Not just that, my homeland is a poor country, that is why my dream is to help my homeland, to become a developed country. To be able to achieve those things, I need to take any chance that I have, and use it in the best way that I can.

That is also why I want to study abroad, the best way to have a great career. Pretend that I already have a scholarship, then, the first thing I need to do is learning. Not just learning normally but I want to understand widely and deeply everything I have been taught, so that I can use what I have learned and show everybody that my scholarship isn't wasted. But to be able to do that, taking notes and listening carefully to the lectures won't be enough, I will have to find more information from the internet and also from books or magazines that I can find there. However, asking directly my teacher is still the best way, not just give me more detail, but he or she can also answer my question about the lectures.

Besides, studying and living in a developed country will give me a chance to meet a lot of people, so that is why after studying, I want to take this chance to have good communication skills. I will start by making new friends and relationships, after that, I will join some clubs and some social activities too. It will be very helpful to make me more confident which will be very useful in my social life.

But more important, I have to learn how to live by myself. When we live far away from our family, we will surely have problems that only we are able to solve, that is why if I go to another country, I will learn to live independently. I will start by taking care of myself and to solve my own problems in my life so that I can train my personality to be more responsible and gain more life's experience.

From a scholarship, I will gain more knowledge, more life's experience and train myself to be confidence, responsible so that I will get another chance to learn higher. Then in the end, I can make for me a great career and I will able to achieve my dream, changing my country to be better.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>DIỆU MINH ANH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Đà Nẵng

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What if I won a scholarship?

To me, giving the answer for this question is not very difficult. From being a little child, I have had strong ambition of being a car designer. But, as you know, car industry doesn't develop in Viet Nam, we don't have any car brands let alone a car institute. So, a scholarship has been the first destination that I have desired to win for many years. That's why when I have a chance, especially a scholarship to an art academy, I will definitely grab it tightly and take full advantage of it as much as I can. With me, it means I have gained half of my dream and all my duty is to finish the rest one. When I study in a big "country", I can learn many new things about the outside world, how the Earth "moves" around every day and how humans' lives pass by every minute. Moreover, it is also a key for me to open a bright-light future and be ready to start the journey finishing all of my wishes and hopes. I wish I can become a real designer, I wish I myself can draw my own car and I wish I can join into the World. I hope all my wishes to become true and I hope I will be able to do more than that. Now, it's time for me to make it real and be brave to say:" I will ". Winning a scholarship means that life have made a great duel with me, now it's my turn to stand up and begin to control my future.

What will I do after finishing the course?

Actually, I will not come back to Viet Nam. I know many people will think that I am hypocritical because I say I am proud of my country but I have set up a plan not coming back. It is not because I am ashamed or afraid that Viet Nam is so small. It is because I have my own view. Don't coming back does not mean I don't love Viet Nam. I do love it very much but I love in my way. In my opinion, to support my country is not just to live and work for a governmental office in a big city like Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City or Da Nang. To me, I would rather do it from outside and I think it is a much better way. As I said above, Viet Nam does not have an own car brand, so if I can, I will be the first Vietnamese citizen to do that. Viet Nam is on the way to modernize and globalize, so we need many help from our friends all over the world and it is my pleasure to be the bridge to connect it thoroughly. At that time, I am sure I have enough ability to do that because I have received a very good education. One more reason, Viet Nam is too small to hold my dream. But thanks to Viet Nam, I have learnt how to become a true human then thanks to "that" foreign country, I can learn how to spark off.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VÕ HỒNG KHANH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lý Tự Trọng, Cần Thơ

Have you ever wanted to set foot on a new land? Or have you ever nurtured any great ambitions about your future? Due to these wonders, it can be explained why more and more students nowadays choose to attend schools or universities outside their home countries. Many of them can afford and others try to get the scholarships themselves to get the chance of studying abroad. To me, if I am given a scholarship to study in a developed country, I am bound to make my future shine as well as contribute to my beloved country, Vietnam. There are many reasons for my assurance, and I would like to put them in the following way.

First of all, I can extend my horizon about the world as students from different countries come here. They all bring along their cultures and make them be mingled impeccably. The world is now just like a big circle. I can know more stuffs, learn new languages and improve my english from the conversations with my friends. Therefore, building a good relationship is also not tough anymore. And those relationships can help me a lot in the future.

In addition, I will popularize my vietnamese culture. Vietnam is a country with a S shape located in Southeastern Asia. I can proudly tell how gorgeous vietnamese history was and how vietnam has developed. Vietmese people are nice too. We are always willing to learn new things and are known for laboriousness. Thus, people from all over the world will have a deeper understandng about Vietnam.

Moreover, my attempts to study will lead to many other opportunities. If I study well and earn good results, the university may let me be on some fact-finding tours. Hence, I can experience new things and learn skills and high technologies from this developed country. After that, going back to my hometown, I will put into practice what I have learnt that is engraved in my heart with the aim of pushing on my country's development.

In a word, being provided a scholarship to study abroad in such a developed country will do me good a lot, and my country – Vietnam as well. Therefore, just dream it, do it, and never miss such a chance in your life.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÝ HẠNH NGUYỄN</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

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Vietnam is a developing country and will develop strongly in the future. However, it still has a gap in development if you compare it with other asia countries. Therefore, studying technology and science in develop country like: Singapore, America, Australia, Japan ... is a great need for Vietnam and Vietnamesees.

Scholarship is my big dream and desire. Since, studying abroad is very helpful to me to improve my english, to face with the modern science, to open my mind and I can have chance to help develop my country. Therefore, if I have a scholarship of a develop country, I will use it reasonably to succeed in the future and help my country.

Firstly, obviously I will focus on studying and experiencing its technology, science. Therefore, I can complete my moral, my responsibility of a Vietnamese. Some people use their scholarships as a chance for traveling. However, I use it as a chance for delving my major. Since my country has to invest government money into many things like: facilities, infrastructure, ... so education in Vietnam has not excellent yet. Besides, it's very difficult to have a scholarship, so I can't not let myself to waste it. I must study hard and take care of my heath at the same time.

Secondly, I also take it as a challenge for me to become an independent person. I have been depending my parents too long. Now, I'm 17 years old and I want to stand on my knees. I know that there will be difficulties and sometimes they can hurt me, but if I can't face and solve problems by myself, I can't help sovle my country problem. Therefore, I will try to live a life as a mature person and I can have my own life experiece. Success needs not only

knowledge but also experience. Staying at home doesn't bring me any lessons about experience, but independent in a whole new place does.

Finally, I will use it as a chance to communicate with foreigners. I will participate in many society group, so I can meet many people and make relationships. Then, I will have chance to introduce Vietnam to them, and show them how much my country needs investments. Besides, when I come back to Vietnam to work and help it, I will still keep in touch and collaborate with them. After that, I will encourage them to help my country by investing money, technology, ... .

With all the things that a scholarship gives me and my decision, moral, abilities ..., I think I can improve myself to succeed and improve my country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGHIÊM QUỐC HOÀI MINH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

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Ever since the moment I was aware of my country addressed as a developing country, I have kept asking myself "What makes a developed nation?" As observation is understanding, I realize that my wondering will be satisfactorily answered only by my first-hand experience. In other words, if I want to understand the typical factors of a developed country, it is necessary to come and study there. Hence, a worthwhile scholarship is a great assistant to one's studying in terms of school fee as well as honors. In case of being offered a suitable scholarship, I will use it wisely to achieve my future goal and contribute to my country.

First of all, I want to be successful, which is the biggest goal in my entire life. To my view, one is said to be successful only when he is able to deal with his business affairs along with his family matters. In order to tackle all types of problems, a sufficient source of knowledge is needed, which means how the economy activates, how people think and how they cope with ordeals should be understood thoroughly. When staying and learning in a developed country, it is essential that I not only do a lot of research in my field but also pay attention to how their people think and act. Based on my understanding about this country and Vietnam, solutions to Vietnamese inadequacies and my life will be figured out.

Secondly, although studying abroad appears to be so ideal, there are still some minuses. It must be hard at first to adapt to a whole new life, and the adaption process can be a success story or a complete failure. Living faraway from family surely causes home-sickness. However, these minuses will eventually turn out to be pluses. While working in a totally different environment, I will become more aware of my identity. To put it another way, I will become more conscious of being Vietnamese, which strengthens my will to study harder. Having to experience the missing of my family, I will soon learn to be independent, which is a habit of a successful person.

Last but not least, studying abroad helps widen my circle of friends. Having friends from all over the world abridges the gap between different cultures, which is the most important aim of globalization. Together, we learn to share our ideas and be ready to overcome all sorts of conflicts. This wonderful experience appears to be hard to get once you keep staying in your developing country.

Scholarships to developed countries are wonderful companions for those who have the will to change for the better. Getting a scholarship is hard, and knowing how to utilize it well is much more challenging. As a result, if I am asked about how I make use of a scholarship to a developed country, I will answer without hesitation

that I will take the chance to learn more and have a broader perspective on everything around me.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VÕ THỊ HỒNG ANH</b>
Trường	THPT DL Ngôi Sao, Hồ Chí Minh

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I was born in a small village. My village has more fields, bamboo hedges, green pastures and flock of buffaloes. I grew up in there and I love it, too.

My family is very poor. My parents are miserable rice famers, but I always proud of them. They tried to work to bring up me. When I reached school age, they had a hard time earning money for me to go to school. I have understood this so I always try to study. My mother always beside me when I have difficult problem. She encourage and educate me for good things. But my father is different. He is a tranquil man but I know he very love me and I do, too. This is the cause of why I will never give up effort. When I was a child, I studied hard to get ten marks, but now when I am a grow up, I will orientate my future. I study for my life. I study to improve my parents life.

At the present time, I am studying in a good education and my parents spend on there very much. They hope my future will be bright and I will not make them disappointed. I am rather not very good at some subjects, but my average mark is not worse. And I am proud of my English subject. I like studying English very much. I practice it everyday. I am rather not good at speaking, but my writing is well. I was a winner in a English Eloquent Contest. It was organized at my school. I was very surprised and happied.

When I finish the curriculum of high school, I am going to the university to continue my study. I also continue practice my English

skill because I think it will help me to get a job more easily in the future.

But, in fact, my big dream is scholarship. I have not joined any program but I will try participating one time. And if I get a scholarship, it will be a new step in my life. I will invest all my "heart and blood" for my study. I will study and work myself and I will not depend on my family finance. Besides, I want to study abroad to get more experience, widen my knowledge and practice my English speaking skill. My plan when I finish a broad studying, I will stay in there and work about eight years. In this time, I will work hard to earn more money, and I will give the salary for my parents to repair my house and their life will be improved.

After eight years, I will return my country. I will spend on building more houses for homeless people. I will use my salary to help the poor and starving childrens. I will also set up a charitable association to help the poverty people. I always sympathize with their life because their life resemble my parents life. I fell sorry for them as I always love my parents.

So, now, I am trying to study hard. Although I get a scholarship or not, I will never give up effort. I will be a master of my life and my parents never disappointed about me.

"Happinest is enhanced by others but does not depend upon other" – Anon -

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Currently, my biggest dream, a tenth grader, is going to study in a developed countries. There'll be a good learning as well as learn the culture of other countries. If I have the opportunity to study in a developing country, which I set out plans for future development of the coal as well as to contribute to the development of my country is the health education, training physical, life skills enrichment. And lines that I chose to study, as well as my profession in Vietnam is thirsty for power, the international auditors.

First, I will strive to learn and very effective learning of your chosen profession, to acquire all of the educated elite developed. As I intend, then around the end of college, I will hold ACCA-Professional certificate - certification audit, accountant by professional associations, public accountant certificates issued by the British Crown. After graduation, I easily get a job at the company inside or outside VietNam. And of course, the learning process must be very new effort can afford to get that degree. Also included in my plan, during my time studying abroad, I will gain proficiency and the highest degree of language in that country because I feel I have the capacity to acquire foreign language learning and good .

To learn well, I need a good health, so what I was planning the 2nd physical training. During study abroad, foreign study in school and to work to cover life, I will be aggressive, hard exercise, and sports that I choose a swim, simply because I like swimming and swimming helps me have a good health. In addition, I also need into nice picture, that is why physical training is one thing I focus.

I know many graduates are unemployed not because they have no ability, no knowledge, but because they are shy, scared and clumsy

in relations, communication. Thus, learning life skills, communication skills, attitudes, life is very important. This decision also contributed to the success in my future. This I can learn from you, or the local teachers, because I knew about this array of foreigners seem more powerful than our people Vietnam.

That is the plan that I proposed. The goal, dream, my ambition is to become a true international auditing professionals, the quality of human resources in Vietnam

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>QUÁCH KIM PHONG</b>
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Studying abroad in a developed country is a great honor for me. It assists me progress towards my knowledge, ameliorate my social skills and grasp brand new culture, make new friends, improve my self-confidence and increase my maturity. However, I must take advantage of that great opportunity in order to brighten my future as well as contribute for Vietnam's development.

First of all, I need to magnify my learning as advanced as possible. Today, in our modern world, wisdom plays a very important role in any fields. Unless I have sufficient knowledge, I will become a backward person in nowadays civilization. Hence, I have to study hard at school in order to gain fundamental education. Since the sky of knowledge is so immense, obtaining basic erudition is not adequate. Thus, I also have to acquire more knowledge by doing more research in libraries, doing more advanced exercise in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, read more literature books to enhance my reading and writing skills... Furthermore, studying in the developed country gives me opportunities in keeping my knowledge up-to-date about the latest technology. I will obtain

the quintessence of the country's wisdom. If I boost my knowledge, I can awaken my potential and become an excellent student.

In addition, I require to amend my social skills and life experience. It is necessary for a modern person to know how to behave correctly in any cases. It also reflects the smart in people. Moreover, it has an enormous impact on my life and my career as well. Hence, I must participate in social and extracurricular activities such as charities, camping... Furthermore, I have to flourish on my morals by living well, no lying, no stealing, not using drugs...etc. That is the ways for preparing me to deal with unexpected situations. No matter how excellent I am, if I do not have morality, I will always be a loser.

Furthermore, I will be able to grasp brand new culture and make new friends. Studying abroad is a good chance for me to learn and exchange the intercultural understanding between various cultural, foods, costume... Moreover, I can make more friends. This will give me an opportunity to broaden my relationship and develop the social connections. As a result, there will be more companions in my later life.

Last but not least, I can improve my self-confidence and increase my maturity. Self-confidence and maturity are two of the essential factors to determine whether I successful or not. Therefore, I can optimize this chance to improve my self-confidence and increase my maturity by doing academic presentations, talking in the public or the crowd, be calm in any situations...

In conclusion, studying abroad in a developed country is a great opportunity for me to progress towards my knowledge, ameliorate my social skills and grasp new culture, meet brand new friends, improve my self-confidence and increase my maturity. I must take advantage of that huge chance in order to brighten my future as well as contribute for Vietnam's development.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÊ HỒ</b>
Trường	THPT Quốc học Quy Nhơn, Bình Định

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Having scholarship in a developing country is a dream of many students who concern about studying abroad. Although there are many challenges when studying in a strange country, i believe that when i receive scholarship, which is a chance for me to develop myself and to contribute toward my country – the great aim of my life.

To gain that goal, the first mission is to study well. Because that is the way for me to prove that i am capable and suitable with this scholarship. Furthermore, study well will increase the rate in getting a good job. And the important thing is that i am an intellectual who is ready to serve my country. I know someone will say: “ It ‘s no need to study hard in another country, you can study in your own country and develop yourself”. That ‘s right but when i live in foreign country , i will approach the new culture, the new custom and habit. I will make use of this chance to learn more about foreigner. And perhaps i will change my usual behaviors to integrate into people living in country where i am studying – just change to adapt not to imitate. That thing will help me be older in acting and thinking. Of course , only if did i study and learn in a develop country, i would be only a reader and learner. You are nothing if you don’t have any social knowledge. Therefore, i will try my best to participate in social activities such as : to be assistant in university, a player of badminton team or a guitarist in small music club,.... All of these activities will help me have more friends and understand the complicatedness of social. In the other hand , through these activities i can introduce culture of Vietnam to everyone. In addition, i will find a work which belongs with my speciality, which will help me have some money and experiences. I think my experiences which is useful for me today and country in future. Thereto, i will find more scholarship to serve my studying. Because receiving one

scholarship is a beginning of process of working hard. Moreover, i will share my experiences for student who want study abroad by posting on internet. I hope many vietnamese students could study abroad.

Most of us want to go abroad just one time and it is better if we could learn and live there for a long time. So let's try your best to gain your dream. For me , i will try to study and perfect myself and i don't wait for the day when i receive the scholarship to develop myself. I only think that receiving scholarship is the time for me to discover myself , to advance my available skill and the most important thing is to motivate my desire for decdicating for the developing of my country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN PHẠM HÀ LINH</b>
Trường	THPT Phan Châu Trinh, Đà Nẵng

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The scholarship from a school in a developed country is always a big dream of any Vietnamese students when being a child. This chance will open more opportunities as well as good conditions to develop myself and introduce my country to friends all over the world, but it means more challenges...

I am a young Vietnamese with a big aspiration. I want to become an international person, and make the position of our Vietnam higher and higher in the world, especially in environment and economy. Besides, I'm improving my English skills because English is an useful device for me in the future. I have talents for speech and communication. Therefore, receiving a scholarship from a developed country is the best chance to make my dream come true. Studying abroad will provide me with realistic experiences which I can't have in Vietnam. Next, I can broaden my knowledge in all fields: not only

school knowledge but also the culture of that country and their neighbor countries.

First of all, what I need do is preparing everything for a new life without my family, Vietnamese and other comforts. I will be in a different country and I'm a representative of Vietnam, so I don't want to be thought like a weak person. Secondly, I realize that my new international friends either have a better education or are very smart. Therefore, I should study harder and try more to keep pace with them. Vietnamese students often have high ranks at abroad schools and I hope I can do as well as they did. I understand I should take advantage of this opportunity to get more knowledge developed these countries and then when I come back to Vietnam, I'll apply it to building our country, Vietnam.

Besides my study, the outside activities are very important, too. I know Vietnamese students are often better or more active in studying than in outside activities, anyways I have a different point of view. The outside activities, such as sports, art,..., are always the good occasions for everybody to feel closer to each other. These are the chances for international students to perform the beauty of the culture and people of their country. In the festivals or exhibitions, with other Vietnamese students, I want to show my friends a new Vietnam, a developing Vietnam. I will perform not only the traditional Vietnamese culture like "ao dai", "pho", a heroic Vietnamese in war, the warm Vietnamese smiles,...; but also the modern Vietnam after 35 years of freedom and everything our young generation is doing to build it. I have joined in holding some occasions in my school and I'm very good at art and PR. Because of these reasons, I feel very self-confident that my country will be closer to my global friends. And maybe Vietnamese culture will become a big stream all over the world like Japan or China before. One more reason I think that the outside activities are very important in a school is that we can communicate with everyone more and more widely. In my opinion, our communication is not only for our present life , it's a durable and useful relation. Friendship,

kindness,..., are necessary for a good future relationship. No one knows what a good relationship will give us!

Finally, when I graduate, I won't return to Vietnam immediately. Although today Vietnam has many abroad companies, the working environment is not the same as in a real company in a developed country. If I stay in, I will get more personal experiences, and then bring my knowledge back to Vietnam to contribute my effort to developing our country... My ambition is to do something which helps myself to grow up and make our country bigger. An abroad scholarship is an advantageous condition which I want to get. I really hope to have one early at least after I win a place at a university.

I believe with our knowledge and confidence, our generation will build Vietnam better than our ancestor did. And Vietnam will become a developed country soon.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TÔ MỸ ANH</b>
Trường	Trường THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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What ' cha gonna do if you just got dreams too big for this town?

Well, somebody said: "To accomplish great things, you mustn't only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe." In this essay, I want to tell you all how I am broadening my horizons with my childhood dreams.

Growing up in a small town, I have always wished for a day I will be free to go further. Everyday my teachers come to class and say the same thing: " Hey kids, learn all of this by heart to pass your exam." , which just makes me fed up. If someday I were offered a

scholarship, it would be a huge change in my life. Studying abroad gives me the opportunity to study in a new environment, learn about new cultures , offers me a chance to gain experience and develop valuable skills. And last, but not least, I can learn whatever I want to become what I wanna be, and that's more than enough.

Still, I also hope someday I could do something for my country, and make others' dream come true . Many people around me don't even have a place to stay, a shelter just to keep dry on rainy days . Many people suffer from loss and poverty everyday. They lack hope, care and love. They find all in life so unfair that they want to shut the world out and just be left alone. They ain't got love, they got nothing. They need help, need somebody to make a difference.

That's what I want to do, though I still don't know how for sure. How far will I go ? How high will I climb ? It's still unclear. I just have got to go out there , learn something useful and bring them back to my Vietnam . I know when my parents, my country send me abroad, they give their hope, their dreams of a better life for Vietnamese people. When I've learnt enough, I have to come back, to help the poor, the old, the homeless, the uneducated, to fill them with care and hope.

If I become a doctor, I may not open a whole hospital, but I'll get to the injured as soon as I can to ease their pain. If I become a teacher, I may not make all my students Olympic medalists, but I'll make sure they get the proper education, not such things as" learning - by – heart" lessons. If I become the President, I may not get all my people from rags to riches, but I'll ensure that no one is left alone in this world, that everyone have someone to care for them, have something to believe in , and that every teenagers have a chance to make their childhood dreams come true, just like me.

Do you know why Yuri Gagarin, a normal man, could fly without wings ? Because he flied with his childhood dream, the one that he

had when he was just five years old. Well, don't you have to do whatever it takes to touch the sky? Dream big, and chase them. Make the most of all the experiences on offer, and do something good for your people. Don't be afraid that you aren't smart or gifted, for the smallest thing can make all the differences.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐẶNG THUY HÀ PHƯƠNG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hà Chí Minh

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Nowadays, students have a lot of chances to take scholarships for study abroad. If I have a scholarship to study in a developed country, I will try my best to turn my dream of being a successful person and of developing my country, Vietnam, into reality.

Firstly, studying is the most important thing I always aim high. To me, scholarship is not only a opportunity, but also a challenge. I will study as well as I can to get good degrees, and then, I will find some ways to learn higher. Because of studying at school is not enough, I will also learn people's lifestyle, such as how they work, how they study, how they control their lives, and so on. When I finish my study, I will turn back to Vietnam and apply what I learn in the developed country. It is absolutely uneasy but I think if I pay enough effort, I will achieve what I want in life.

Secondly, when I am abroad, I will have more opportunities to become leaders in organizations from civil society to clubs in school. To become a leader, I may not only need a lot of training of responsibility, flexibility, and patience but also be more self confident and convincing. Therefore, when I turn back to Vietnam, I believe I can become a new leader to find the right directions for country development in many aspects, such as in gross domestic product per capita or in education. I want to prove to previous

generations that the youth nowadays can develop and protect their country much more better than they think.

In addition, environment is my interest and now one of the most serious problems in Vietnam and in all over the world. Therefore, I will participate in some environmental groups or organizations so that I can help and learn the ways they conserve and protect their nature from dangers. In Vietnam, there are a number of environmental problems such as: floods, drought, litter on the street, toxic fumes, contaminated rivers, so on, and most of them are the results of people's irresponsibility. When I am back in Vietnam, I will plan exactly what I have to do for the environment and I believe I can turn it into reality because I really want to protect my home, my native land.

Moreover, it is also good for me to join some social groups, such as groups for overseas Vietnamese. Being abroad, I will have no relatives there, so joining these groups, not only will I be shared on how people live and study, but also I will meet and talk to fellows about Vietnam, about our families. To me, talking and meeting fellows may make overseas students feel less homesick, confused and anxious. Besides, when I already get accustomed with their cultures, I will help those who just come from Vietnam. For example, if they have financial difficulties, we will raise funds or find some jobs suitable for them or give them information about financial aid or scholarships for international students.

In a nutshell, I strongly believe that every chance that comes to my life deserves to be well treated. As a student, I will take this chance to further my studies and pursue my dreams. As a citizen, I am fully aware of my responsibility for my country. Besides, the chance will present me to a more advanced knowledge so that I can lend a hand to the development of my fatherland. Living for myself is not my motto. My utmost desire is to make my life valuable not only to me, but also to the people I love, and to my country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHÙNG THANH HẰNG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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Studying in a developed country is the dream of many students in developing countries like Vietnam. Recently, the number of families trying to send their children abroad to study has been increasing moderately, however, not all families can afford to such an amount of money for their children's studying abroad. Hence, getting a scholarship seems to be the best way for the students to do so. Supposing that I am lucky enough to get one, I will make every effort to make the best of it to brighten my future as well as to contribute to the development of my home country.

To begin with, I would have to help myself with the scholarship. Studying abroad means I would probably face with cultural shock, therefore, I think I should be well-prepared to overcome some common cases of cultural shock by learning the country's cultural stuffs that I ought to know. Since I have passion for codes and things related to national security, I will choose Cryptography Techniques as my major and studying abroad is the precious chance for me to gain more knowledge about my subjects. It is common knowledge that Cryptography Techniques in such developed countries is far higher than in other countries, therefore, studying in such countries will bring more chances to get approached to the most modern Techniques. With such a great opportunity, I will try my best not to miss any lessons, organize a logical timetable and make every effort to gain knowledge by doing researches in libraries, paying all attention to the lectures and doing more self-study and self researches about my subject. It also gives me good chances to build up my life skills. I will have to be independent and via joining in social and extracurricular activities I can set up more social relationships and pick up the advantages of working style of people in the country, too.

As a promise, I would come back to my country after I complete the course to help promote my country. Applying all the knowledge I have been taught to my work in a right way is the first thing to go to my mind. I will apply the best of my knowledge to my work so as to upgrade the national security system. Diffusing the most advanced technique, discussing the solution to improve the system using the advanced technique with my colleagues and promoting ideas to the management to develop the security system of the country are what I'm about to do. One problem that the Vietnamese facing up with is that we are not good at team work or group work, so I will try my best to hand down some experience that I learnt from abroad to improve the ability of team work in my office. Trying to change the working style of Vietnamese is also what I really want to do.

Getting a scholarship is difficult, how to use it effectively is even more difficult. If the chance came to me, I would never let it go and would make the best of it. So now I have to get a scholarship first, then I will do what I am supposed to do.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN BẢO KHANG</b>
Trường	<b>THPT Nguyễn Du, Đồng Nai</b>

“I’d be happy with just a passing grade” is a sentence I often hear some of my friends say before taking a test. I found myself on numerous occasions wondering, “Why are their expectations so low?”. After attending a seminar titled “How to improve your grades” at my school, I know that the reason is due to low self-esteem. Self-esteem is a psychological term used for self-evaluation of one's worth. Low self-esteem breeds a fear of failure which causes goals to be lowered, to make them more attainable. In other words, people with low self-esteem will not take any risks and do not believe they can improve upon their weaknesses. These people work

from a perspective of “trying not to lose” what they have rather than focusing on what they could gain. On the other hand, people with high self-esteem work from the internal perspective of moving toward what they want. They will tend to take more risks, experience more rejection but they don’t notice it. They keep their eyes on the prize and keep going.

I used to be one of the “As long as I pass” type of student. I would still be one if I had not attended the seminar. In the seminar, the professor explained that the first step in doing something is to believe that you can do it. What the professor did was to use a psychology technique called Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP) to boost my self-image and raise my self-esteem, which allowed me to believe in myself more. “NLP is a technique that people use to help themselves or others think in a more positive way, and which uses neurolinguistics as its basics” (Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, 2008). After the seminar, I found myself more confident in my abilities at school. To me, school is now fun and I’ve developed a real thirst for knowledge. With more self-belief and a passion to study, I was able to improve my grades.

I thought to myself “If NLP can work so well on me, there is no reason why it couldn’t work as well on others”. NLP can be used to cure life-long phobias, learning disabilities, habit disorder, and depression in a short amount of time (R.Bandler & J.Grinder, 1981, p. 166). My dream is to study NLP formally so that one day, I can help others as the professor did with me.

Although NLP is gradually becoming more popular in Viet Nam, there has not an official department for NLP, so a study abroad scholarship seems to be the only way for me to make my dream come true. After graduation, I will go back to Viet Nam and start off with teaching a small class for children and their parents so they can learn how to improve their confidence and self-esteem through the use of NLP. In the future, I want to conduct seminars across Ho Chi Minh City and eventually move to other regions of the country.

The future of a country depends on the younger generation. They are the ones that will ultimately lead the way. I want to play a small part in helping shape that generation's outlook on life, instill it with more optimism, self-belief and a healthier self-image. I feel it will be the first step in the right direction for a country that is still rebuilding after previous wars.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHAN HUYNH ANH</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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My grandmother muffled me up in a blanket, cradled me compassionately in her arms and then started to tell me about many countries she had gone to. All of these memories are evoked in me every time I think of my grandma. She spurred me on to believe in my aim - studying abroad, which has always abided in my mind since I was just a little girl. And if on some lovely day I have chances to get the scholarship to go to a developed country – a “wonderland” in my grandma’s stories, I will snatch at every single second abroad to learn, to develop myself and to help my country.

I love Math and Computer Science, and I also know that I could learn many things from my new school or from some place in the far country, whose technology has blossomed very well. With the look back to the past and the sight of future, the brilliant curriculum could give me broad range of knowledge for researching and living. There, I learn things that could complement or even change what I have known. Actually, no one could be omniscient if he or she takes the knowledge from one source. Despite having no ambition to know everything in the world, I want to reach some level of understanding, at least, enough for me to grow in my own way. For first eighteen years of my life, I have benefited and learned so much from my country, so now, what I want is to see the difference. To put it

another way, I covet the chances to see more from the developed countries, something I may be missing in the time of learning in Vietnam.

At this moment, hundreds of people living in this world, I believe, must be mustering up their strength and energy to build up the best for the human beings and the planet. And I've found that the only way for me to get access the world is understanding people. The crux of this understanding is the culture, which I could only learn if I live in other countries. Because interacting between people and people must be the ticket to the new level of progress, going abroad should be the cornerstone for me to discover and thrive in my life. I'll meet many people from various cultures and introduce my own culture to my friends, whose ways of living is far different from, or even opposite to mine. I want to contribute to the development of my country. Although our facility and experiences don't stack up against that of developed countries, we get strong potentials to progress.

Some periods of times living abroad could render me mature. I used to be trembled at the thoughts of staying away from my home, but the belief always strongly prevails over any maudlin feelings. I am aware that what I get is bigger than what I lose, and that I could go further and stand proud, if given opportunities.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN HOÀNG VIỆT TRINH</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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To me, winning a scholarship abroad is like a brick wall, as described by the late Randy Pausch.

Randy Pausch, an American professor who died of cancer, delivered his last lecture about achieving his childhood dreams and said:

“The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the *other* people.”

These words of him instilled great hope and inspiration in me. Therefore, I would like to view the scholarship as a brick wall, because it represents both the opportunities and challenges that I will be faced with when studying abroad. Bearing in mind that such a wall exists and my responsibility to get over it, I am motivated to try my best in learning and researching. My dream is to become a pharmacist, who can create methods of curing different diseases using a combination of medicine made from local natural herbs and advanced technology. This dream of mine stems from my utmost wish to share happiness with other people by helping them from pain and suffering. The use of local medicine will be much cheaper and accessible to poor people, especially those in developing countries like Viet Nam. Moreover, the time spent in a multicultural environment can contribute greatly to my understanding and knowledge of the lifestyles and eating habits of people from different countries and will allow my work to include intensive studying of the causes for illnesses among different groups of people.

Not only do I have the chance to develop academically, I can also grow up personally by adapting to the new environment by myself. This time, the brick wall poses a mission, a responsibility that I must take on as a Vietnamese. It is to fulfill my job as a Vietnamese ambassador. In other words, I will be able to show students from other countries what a Vietnamese person is like, how unique our culture is and how proud we are of our nation. Furthermore, I will be able to learn a lot about other regions of the world by meeting people from all walks of life and various cultures. Then I can bring back this useful knowledge and share my understanding with my fellow-countrymen, especially young people who need to use it in this era of globalization. I believe that if different countries understand each

other well enough, there will be fewer contradictions and more co-operation.

In conclusion, I have every intention to break through the brick wall of challenges by trying my best and taking advantage of all the tools that the scholarship gives me. Only by that way can I really fulfill my dreams and my responsibilities.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHẠM THỊ MINH THU</b>
Trường	THPT Bùi Thị Xuân, Hồ Chí Minh

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There is a story about two seeds. They were strong and kept for the next crop . One day, the farmer used them in a crop. The first seed thought: “It’s very stupid of me to follow the farmer to the field. I don’t want to be buried under a dirty lay of soil.I’m better off staying here, in the storehouse and finding a shelter to hide”. So it rolled to a corner. But the second seed was looking forward to being used in the new season. It was excited to start a new life. So it decided to follow the farmer. Day after day, the first seed was becoming wither because of lacking the sunshine and water. And although the second seed was buried , it grew into a mature tree and brought many fruits to people.

From that story, I’ve learnt a lesson. Never hide behind a strong cover to keep yourself intactly but meaningless. If you have a chance to become a better person, take it without being fear . Therefore, if I have an opportunity to receive a scholarship for studying in a developed country, I’ll use all my power and try my best to make it become meaningful for myself, my family and further my country-Vietnam.

First of all, I’ll think about the orientation of learning in that country. In my point of view, and even in my personal hobby, I’ll choose to

learn the international law faculty. Because according to some recent events, some international investors have had many troubles in investing their money in some projects or many businessmen have had difficulty managing their work. So I hope when I have a thorough understanding of law, I'll help them as a law consultant. As a result of this, the number of investors in Vietnam will improve. That is also my purpose of studying in a developed country. Because the only motive for me to face strongly to the ups and downs during studying abroad is to serve my country. Besides that, I'll always set up a way of working effectively: considering the case, analysing two faces of it and managing to have a best solution. This way will help me attract the concern of people who do business. From that, I will improve the number of people in Vietnam learning the law.

Secondly, getting an accuracy method of learning is also important to me. Besides listening to the teacher carefully, I'll go to the library to find out more about the lesson. In order to understand clearly some law instructions, I will go to some lawcourts where I can find out and experience many cases in real life. Moreover, I will take part in many social activities to improve my self-confidence, which is one of the important factors to become a lawyer. In the other hand, I do not forget to practice my skill of arguing reasonably, persuading people and being patient.

I hope my studying will support the country's condition and my future.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN THỊ NGỌC HẠNH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lý Tự Trọng, Cần Thơ

I've had a strong desire to develop and manufacture one special product – perfume. As far as I'm concerned, French perfume is

famous for its passionate fragrance, American 's for alluring scents, ... why don't we - the Vietnamese - have our own perfume? On the other hand, due to its expensiveness, Vietnamese women usually find it difficult to buy a small bottle of perfume no matter how they need it. Therefore, I want to study and produce a wide range of perfumes belonging to the Vietnamese, best expressing Vietnamese beauty and soul and at affordable prices. However, this dream would only be distant ambition if it weren't for the scholarship to study in this developed country - Britain. This country, like another developed ones converges all necessary requirements to set my perfume – project in motion. I have to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity as most as possible.

First of all, Britain possesses such modern infrastructure as well as other material advancement. Its laboratories are well- equipped with state-of –the-art facilities. All of those above-mentioned are the best conditions to study and experiment variety of essences. Thanks to them, I can refine rice and sea water' essences – the specific traits of Vietnam- into new fragrances, creating a new perfume called “Viet”. As sweet and serene as paddy-fields' scents, as ethereal and exquisite as Vietnamese's silk, “Viet” perfume can be widely accepted in Vietnamese and foreign markets. This fragrance is like Vietnamese women, sweet and seductive but unconventional, sophisticated and elegance but not indifferent. Furthermore, Britain obviously has more knowledge and experience in producing perfume than Vietnam. I want to make use of this point by working for perfume houses. Thanks to that, I can thoroughly learn about the process transforming plants into perfume, preserving and distributing to another places or countries.

Additionally, in my deep-seated belief, human can greatly surpass himself when being forced to. Approaching this advanced education, I also want to exceed my normal tolerance towards such high studying intensity. I believe this competitive environment and curricula will result in not only the utter exploitation of my predominance but also the discovery of my dormant talent. Maybe

this is a chance for me to make some innovative breakthroughs!!! In fact, developed countries (such as Britain) are the places converging excellent professors and pre-eminent education. They are undeniable the invaluable properties and the best preparation for my future career. Consequently, I have to study, study and study. Overseas studying time is limited whereas the knowledge is so immense!!. However, I have every confidence in my ability to make outstanding achievements.

In fact, I have no money to launch my “Viet” – perfume to the public, so I have to attract their investment as soon as I start studying college in Britain. Studying abroad is a huge benefit, because I can directly approach my prospective investors from transnational corporation. Without their support and sponsor, absolutely my ambition to establish this “Viet”- perfume into a famous trademark all over the world would only be a hopeless dream.

However, everything always has two sides, I will greatly be confronted with many disadvantages when studying abroad. Transportation, accommodation, every normal thing turns out to be so different and difficult....Although it may take a long time, I think I can overcome these setbacks by asking for help from Vietnamese students there, contacting the Vietnamese embassy . Thanks to this, I'll become more independent and more mature than ever before, ... As such, this disadvantage has already become my advantage, and I won't be worry or afraid when studying or living anywhere else.

Foreigners have acknowledged the Vietnamese beauty, Vietnamese taste through images of Ms.Vietnam, delicious dishes such as: “cha gio”, “pho”..... On the contrary, they haven't known anything about Vietnamese fragrances. It is of paramount importance that “Viet” or other domestic perfume should appear as soon as possible.... That's my dream, and I believe that studying abroad can help me acquire it, acquire the dream a lot of people have been chasing for such a long time.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>BÙI TRẦN BẢO ANH</b>
Trường	THPT tư thục Việt Thanh, Hồ Chí Minh

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As a high school student, I always desire to achieve good results from my studies. I also strive to accomplish my goal to master knowledge and succeed in life. It is essential that I try to learn how to improve my knowledge because this will automatically help me to assert myself over and beyond my educational experience. I believe I can achieve this if I am granted a scholarship from a developed country.

I used to wonder how a scholarship could assist not only me but also my nation and its development by future generations. First of all and most importantly, a scholarship is a reward that will encourage and motivate me tremendously. It will be very valuable and necessary for my study programme abroad. On the other hand, a scholarship represents success as not only a positive result of my studies but also an essential link to the beginning of a future career. With this in mind, I have to appreciate and use this scholarship wisely for my learning purposes. I will need to stay focused and try my best to learn well.

In comparison to other countries in the world, my country, Vietnam, is impoverished with an underdeveloping economy. This factor is a major concern for many Vietnamese people in society today. I am well aware of the fact that I am not old enough to assist my country now. However, for me, the most relevant importance is that I make an effort to study diligently so that I can both master and comprehend scientific technology of developed countries around the world. If I can achieve this then I can properly apply it and create new ones. To do that I must improve my knowledge. Moreover, I must have a firm purpose and ambition in life.

My success will be only a minor contribution to society. In addition, I firmly believe that there will be others in my generation who share the same goal as me. “My generation\_our country\_advancing Vietnam”

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Bài dự thi	131
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRƯƠNG THỊ MINH THẢO</b>
Trường	THPT tư thục Việt Thanh, Hồ Chí Minh

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What is a scholarship about? How can it possibly help me? How will it affect the future that lies ahead of me? While I was contemplating on writing this essay, the above questions appeared constantly in my mind. When I was a little girl I wished that I could travel around the world and discover exciting new places. Now that I am a bit more grown up I have often thought about my childhood wish. I realize that there is a great possibility that I can venture out into the world and furthermore gain knowledge. I have always longed to study in a developed country. Keeping this in mind, I have tried my best to get the best results when I study. With much determination and perseverance I began searching for a scholarship.

I am an active girl who loves travelling. I want to study abroad and use my knowledge to help improve VietNam when I return. If I have a scholarship, I know I will feel ecstatic. First of all, I am sure that a scholarship will encourage me to study and hopefully become a worthy person. A scholarship is a special thing especially coming from a developed country. It will give me an opportunity to pursue many experiences. Perhaps it will be receiving a complete education. It will definitely open up my horizon and provide me with the skills needed to manage living in an unfamiliar place. I will use it to study more and more essential knowledge which can then assist with practical experiences that will be necessary and helpful for my future. I am well aware of the fact that studying abroad is not

easy. It will present many problems that I will have to face. Coping with a different language, new acquaintances, independence and the everyday expenses will be some of the many hurdles that I will need to cross. It will not only be the challenges but also the reasons to help me to expose myself and make me grow up.

When I finish my course, I will come back to my homeland, VietNam, and contribute my power to develop my country's economy. I will use traveling as a tool to bring VietNam closer to the rest of the world. I will promote VietNam and its many exotic landscapes. I want to organize some tours like " Go Green " or " Find Happiness" to encourage everybody to have better attitudes towards life and the environment. It will help us realize what happiness is and therefore we can love our motherland more.

When I get older and earn enough money, I will build many libraries for the children in remote and mountainous area to eradicate illiteracy. Those are all my dreams and I will use all my efforts to make them come true.

While I was writing this essay, I thought a lot about my level of English. I know I don't have enough ability to write a good essay. I just only have an intense desire to express my emotions and share my dreams with every body.

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Bài dự thi	132
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN KHOA DIỆU ANH</b>
Trường	THPT thực hành - ĐH Sư Phạm, Hồ Chí Minh

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At the age of forty-six, as I sat down and began to recollect my life until now, I ran across an important piece of my life's puzzle: On the sixth of August in 2010, I received a scholarship to study in

America. I considered it a life-changing opportunity that broadened my views, created me a new path and led me to success.

I recall the first day at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU); I was astonished by wonderful methods of education and training I acquired. The more I observed and encountered new things, the more I rushed enthusiastically into the intellectual race. I majored in Environmental Studies and minored in Education Studies and Child and Family Development. Aside from studying, I experienced many in and out of school activities as well. During my junior year, I officially became the co-founder of the annual project for orphans called “Be there for kids” in Pittsburgh. We played, talked, prepared meals and kept them active. As amazing and joyful as college was, it soon passed.

After several weeks of searching for the right job, I was admitted into the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice. Thanks to those experiences gained from CMU, I shortly became the project director, responsible for Asian regions. Six years later, I set a trip back to Vietnam. After eight months doing researches on water sources here, the International Project of Protecting the Water Sources (which was already ongoing in Bangladesh, Thailand and rural areas of China) finally started in Vietnam. Surprisingly, throughout only four years of restlessly working, we were so proud to find that each and every family across Vietnam have had fresh and clean water to use. We also effectively eliminated a great amount of arsenic from water around the Cuu Long Delta and Red River Delta, which were reported to have high levels of arsenic contamination.

While having stayed in Vietnam, in order to directly lead this project, I also did some investigations of Vietnamese education databases. Even though it was much better than previous years; I still hoped that I could do something to see more improvements. Because of this, after the environmental project was successfully ended, along with the help from some professors and my friends, we made an official document “Ten Major Changes should be done in Vietnam

Education” and got it sent to the Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training. On 7th June 2033, it has officially been executed. That day, there was so much joy, disbelief and happiness at the certificate of acceptance I held...Forty-six years of all the ups and downs, I am thankful for not only for having been able to make my dreams come true, but to help Vietnam as well

The alarm in my mind has just rung and taken me back to reality. Apparently I know that even all of those things above have not yet happened, putting myself in 30 years in the future not only gave me a different perspective but also a stronger and unwavering belief in myself. Just like what Jo Hye-Ryeon wrote in her published book “Future, s Diary”: “If you think about the future in details, it will come true”. Understanding that I have probably set my expectations high, yet I’ve been working hard for it and also prepared for the worst. At this point in time, achieving those things at the age of forty-six is yet a dream, but I know that with my passion and desire for changes, one day I will make them happen. “Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up”. Yes, I will never give up my dreams.

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Bài dự thi	133
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN KHOA DANH</b>
Trường	THPT Huỳnh Mẫn Đạt, Kiên Giang

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People say:” A successful man is a man who can catch his opportunity”. For me, this sentence is totally right. So, I’ve always prepare for the opportunities can happen to me. I’ll do a lot of thing if I receive a scholarship to study abroad in a developed country to utilize this opportunity for my future and to contribute to the development of my country.

Being given a scholarship means I don't have to be worried about the school fees and the other expenditures in school, this will help me to concentrate on my studying and examining.

Learning in a developed country helps me to reach the new technology, the developed education and the expanded cultural of the world. I'll try my best to learn about those things to improve my knowledge and my skill.

I'll live more healthy to keep my health in good condition by playing sports, diet and sleep in time. By keeping my health in good condition, I'll study and work more effectively.

Improving language skill is very important. If you have poor language skill, you'll have a lot of difficulty in learning. So, I decide to spend 1-2 hours a day to practice the pronunciation and grammar. It'll bring me the confidence to present to the crowd the things I'm interested in. I'll try to do some part-time job to get some income for my studying. I'll organize a Vietnamese class if I can to improve my language skill, to have more friends and to dispel the homesick feeling.

I'll make acquaintance with a lot of new friends – they can be the natives or the students abroad like me. They'll be the guide to help me in studying and living. By making acquaintance with them, I can understand more about the other cultures and I also can advertise them the cultural of Vietnam. I need some friends to discuss about the lessons, the difficult questions or simply to take a lift to school.

After finishing the course I've received from the scholarship, I'll try to find another scholarship for the advanced course to continue studying. Then, I'll return to my country to work in the international company and organization to develop my homeland.

Studying abroad can challenge me a lot but I believe the efforts I'll have made will help me pass those challenges easily just because my

motivation to study is learning to achieve my future goals and contribute to the development of my country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN PHƯỚC CHÁNH</b>
Trường	THPT Lương Thế Vinh, Đồng Nai

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"Can you please spare me some money, little boy?" He, sitting on a chair, looked around to find the source of the trembling sound: an old man, whose hands quivering, eyes seeming exhausted. The little boy put his hand into his pocket, searching for something--small to him, yet big to the old man. Unfortunately, the pocket was empty and thus emptiness would fill the man's expectation. Little happiness, being grabbing some bread and feeding his hungry stomach, would be robbed away from him. Poverty.

That little boy was born in Vietnam, where poverty remains, unemployment seems likely and, like anywhere, you have to struggle with life to survive. Also, it is where he wants to leave; not that he wants to be like a bird, flying away from its own nest, finding better places to prosper, just to be lost and missing its home. He knows that Vietnam, his loving country, is advancing fast. However, good rate is not equivalent to good progress, for speeds often betrays quality, while quality always brings happiness. So fast is it developing that the utterly important factor, technology, is left out of the ring of concern.

Technology!

A long time ago, human, or the Homo, made fire, which might have been preferred as the 'dangerous twisting and turning living thing with the color of our great Sun', by striking rocks together. Nowadays, humans give rise to that 'sunny thing', given the official name--Fire, simply by using matches or lighters.

Technology is essential, so that we could work smarter, not harder with innovative ways of managing force and thoughts. Also that innovations are what developed countries are willing to give is a concrete fact. Therefore, Vietnamese students loving their country should seek and hunt down every each opportunity to study abroad. So will I.

Once the cruel processes of searching, filling, sending, waiting have been left in the past, once my luck has held, and once I have got a scholarship, I will do my best to absorb elements that Vietnam, as a beautiful developing country, needs.

By no means am I saying that gap of advancement between Vietnam and developed countries is easily filled. Things are always hard, for the Earth is always revolving, and you cannot stand if you are not footed right. I just want to be another little piece of the Great Puzzle Game to build up a better outlook for Vietnam. What's more, studying abroad is anything but an easy job; an easy one is never learning in a completely strange environment, missing your family dreadfully, crying and sobbing each night turning off the light and Mom's voice echoing back: 'Good night, sweetheart'. It is a long journey.

All in all, the Great Puzzle will be finished before long by students with loving hearts. The journeys of gathering fresh and innovative knowledge will someday end and pay off to make Vietnam a much better country as its people truly deserve. And everything begins with a single step.

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Bài dự thi	135
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HÀ THẢO NGUYỄN</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

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Dear me – at the age of eighteen,

Greetings, from ten years later! You won't believe but it's really me - trying to cheat time with this letter.

I can still remember when you flew home like the wind to tell Mom you had been awarded that scholarship, how pride sparkled in her eyes. Your departure day must be close now that it is June, I hope you have finished packing. Goodbyes won't be easy and yes, it's alright to cry.

It has always been your dream to attend a famous art school to study architecture, but has the thought about so-what's-next ever crossed your mind? Well, I can tell you there will be hard days ahead. You will have to spend the first few months coping with new environment, but don't worry, you'll manage. Your average command of English will cause you quite some problems, so invest some time in it and your papers will improve tremendously. There will be a lot of keep up with, but even though you always seem to be up in ears with work, you find yourself enjoying the pressure.

You'll have come to get used to your new life now that you realize it's not that hard. Use your creativity: your work may have technical flaws, but your professors will occasionally comment on how original your ideas are. You start to pay for your life expenses using the money earned from various jobs. Oh, and you will undertake a semester in New York where you'll fall in love with the well-blended glamour and antique-looking brownstones, thinking how the idea can be applied to the structures of your home town. Somewhere between taking care of yourself and your constant desire for more

knowledge, in these five years, it feels as if the world has become a much bigger picture before your eyes.

You graduate and suddenly you are put on the horns of a dilemma: either stay and work here or go back to your own country. You even apply for promising positions at companies and get accepted, but one day it'll come natural to you to leave all that behind and come home. It will be hard a decision to make, but cast aside the nostalgia welling up inside you, you know it's only fair: you are indebted to your country for who you are today. And I can assure you, things will turn out just fine. Getting a job will take a while, but once you are in, it will be a ready-set-go situation. From then on I'll leave it for you to find out yourself. Don't worry, even though there will always be deadlines to meet and you will mostly be running with time, the future looks good. That green Central Park you've been sketching in your head might as well look good in real too.

And for the time being, I'd say shoot for the moon darling, and don't lose heart.

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Bài dự thi	136
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THÙY DUNG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hồ Chí Minh

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Instead of daydreaming in seemingly interminable periods, with our intelligent English teacher, we were now pay our most attention to discuss the topic of studying abroad, a familiar but controversially interesting topic. "If you get a scholarship to study in a developed country, how will you make use of it? Both for yourself and your society? Remember, don't give me similar cliché and theoretical answers". Immersed in thoughts, I finally managed to figure out sensible answers.

Firstly, I could acquire the advanced methods to make greatest progress in my study, with the help of adequate research facilities and enormous sources of information that universities in developed countries can offer. Besides academic knowledge, I could use my quick-learning ability to experience new culture and interact with people from different backgrounds, which is both intellectually and spiritually enriching. What's more enhancing and refreshing when you witness different ways of life, of working, which can broaden your mind to no limits? Secondly, since living in another country means having to encounter unfamiliar situations which require resourcefulness and flexibility, this can help me nurture my own self-independence, adaptability and necessary personal skills, which is a vital element to my future achievements.

But my teacher's voice echoed again.: "My students, don't think such sophisticated words imply gigantic things. If you have will, you'll fit in the environment and learn a great deal from it, mainly unconsciously. Of course your knowledge and experience rely on your diligence, but treat it naturally. Just as you should the other responsibility. Mahatma Gandhi came to South Africa returned as a great law scholar with the conviction to help Indians get justice. Ho Chi Minh went to Europe to find the path to Vietnam's decolonization and independence. But it's the past when wars dominated and their mission was to save their countries and people. Your mission now is to build your country. So how will you do that? Remember, treat it naturally."

Yes, my mind told me. Just remember to come back to your country, and dedicate yourself to work. Studying abroad helps you obtain initiative, resilience and especially adaptability, furthermore, with working styles acquired from the experience, this can be a new breeze to Vietnamese workplaces. You can make radical changes to Vietnam as a politician or a commander-in-chief, but your contribution will not be commonplace if you are a banker or businesswoman. Wartime poets were also commemorated because of their indirect but vital contribution to our nation. Therefore,

devote yourself to work, be dynamic, decisive and creative, and you will help develop your country gradually. A construction is best guaranteed when properly and meticulously built, and so is patriotism.

A reverberating bell brought us to the end of such an interesting period. It was a thought-provoking topic which had revolutionized my attitude towards studying abroad. Now I can welcome the idea of studying abroad as an intriguing challenge and a great opportunity to fulfill my potential and endeavours, and to contribute to my country's development, with all ideas above.

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Bài dự thi	137
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN PHƯƠNG ANH</b>
Trường	THPT Kiến An, Hải Phòng

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I have many dreams and in a sheet of paper, I cannot write myself out. My dreams may be too unrealistic, even too trivial, but no one would fine me because I dream, dare speak for, and dare to make them come true. I think fairness is indispensable for life, and a country cannot exist and develop without law so, I have harbored the dream of a lawyer

Taking an international degree, foreign language ability, the experiences learned from the independent living, traveling, having good employment opportunities in the future, there are why studying in a developed country is the dreams of many students.

Firstly, study abroad brings you an opportunity to study in an advanced education. I hope I will study in a new study environment, which different from our school now. We have to go to school everyday, even on Sunday. I sometime feel stressed, fatigued. It is not difficult to study well, but the knowledge we learned is

theoretical and impractical. Education is the only way to develop my country.

However, why Vietnamese students was continually awarded in the in the international contests but my country have been still too poor. Therefore, it is necessary to find a new direction for Vietnamese education.

Secondly, Vietnam has needed the international lawyer contributing to integrate from 2010 to 2020. That is a good condition for me to develop my future career. I hope to have enough ability and standard to participate in the great national events.

Thirdly, study abroad will help to develop skills and give me experience a classroom setting will never provide. Being immersed in an entirely new cultural setting is scary at first, but it is also exciting. It is an opportunity to discover new strengths and abilities, conquer new challenges, and solve new problems. I will encounter situations that are wholly unfamiliar to me and will learn to adapt and respond in effective ways. The youth is the future owner of the country, so what I need is not only professional knowledge but also the independence, the dare, and the maturity.

Fourthly, study abroad affords you the opportunity to make friends around the world. While abroad, I will meet many international students who are as far from home as me. I can learn many valuable experiences from them. Maybe, in the future, they will become the leader of their country, and they will improve cooperation with Vietnam.

Fifthly, study abroad is the optimal way to learn foreign language, which is very important to students in the modern life. There is no better and more effective way to learn a language than to be immersed in a culture that speaks that language.

The next, study abroad expands help to worldview. What I find the most interesting is the social activities, which is extremely limited in

my school, now. If I am only interested in my dreams, and my career, I would so selfish. In my opinion, a global citizen is not only knowledgeable but also concerned for community. When I was in secondary school, I joined in some voluntary activity for HIV of SCUK. To be a leader of school Ho Chi Minh Pioneers' Organization, I am more mature and confident. I also have some awards. I have studied many things, and I want to continue to participate in those activities more.

After graduating, I will be a teacher in a law university in Vietnam to teach. Somebody is not lucky to study abroad like me, but I believe that they will be taught by an excellent teacher, and the best learning methods.

If I would not try my best, all of my dreams will be in the paper forever. I know there are many challenges: financial, language, education standard, and the difference of culture...but I can overcome. I must find my opportunity now!

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Bài dự thi	138
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐÀO YẾN VI</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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A letter of acceptance, along with a full tuition scholarship, from APU Japan came as an overwhelming joy to me. However, felicity was soon replaced by anxiety, as the financial burden became visible, and my parents' desperation became obvious. Studying abroad means difficulties and challenges, but in the long run, I will be able to better myself, fulfill my dreams and contribute to the development of my country.

I know that studying abroad is not a guarantee of wealth and success; it is an arduous journey of facing and overcoming obstacles in order to become a better person. Living independently in a foreign

place, I am totally in control of my life. From daily tasks such as cooking the meals, mending my holed shirt, solving daily conflicts or managing the living expenses, I will gain more life skills and improve my self-discipline and self-motivation. Furthermore, by experiencing the many highs and lows of being a “foreigner”, of learning in a totally new academic environment, I will learn how to overcome cultural shock, adapt to a new environment and make progress. After that rigorous process of self-training, I will return home with both intellectual and personal maturity, thus ready to conquer any challenge on my life path.

Vietnam is trying to integrate into world's economy as a part of globalization. There is a growing need for well-qualified legal professionals, who are not only competent but also flexible in the global environment. I set my heart on becoming an international lawyer. Studying abroad can broaden my intellectual horizons and deepen my understanding of international, political, and economic issues. It will also give me first-hand knowledge of how another culture approaches the tasks of everyday life and an appreciation of international cooperation. Such solid foundation will help me succeed in my profession, thus bringing a wealthier life for my family and contributing to the development of my country. I am going to work diligently to make my mom's dream of shopping in Hongkong come true. I will earn enough money to present my father a longed-for car. Furthermore, I will devote myself to community service and charity work. I have a dream of building a free library for underprivileged children, in order to get them exposed to the world of knowledge. I also want to give financial support for poor students so that they can continue their study. In my opinion, education is the best way for them to break the barriers set by poverty, maltreatment and discrimination to pursue a better life.

My mother once said to me: “I may not have enough money to give you everything you want, but I try my best to give you a decent education, the only way for you to change our family's condition and rise above a subsistence wage.” These words have been

engraved in my heart and act as a driving force for me to keep pursuing my dreams. Not roses but thorns lie along the road ahead, but no matter how arduous the challenges are, I am ready to face them with bravery and confidence in order to become a better daughter, a better student and a better citizen.

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Bài dự thi	139
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>VÕ MINH HOÀNG</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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I've been dreaming of the day I slowly walk through the aisle, find my seat number then sit down and regretfully enjoy the last 2 minute view of my hometown while the plane is taking off. The air gets denser and my heart beats more joyfully as this plane reaches higher and higher. I've got it, a rare feeling of being lifted up but a truthful solace at the same time, not just because of the first time flying but flying on my road to success.

My mother once told me, her largest legacy is me who she's been caring utmostly by her heart and her hands. She also said as herself wouldn't be strong and dependable as my time came. I would be flying far and maturely as to claim for sure I would reach my success someday, deserve her life expectation. And I know that day is nearby, the day I receive a scholarship for a studying abroad. Still, the country I've chosen may not be the US, the UK or France but a more friendly one: Australia. This continent has shown me a lot of potentials and possibilities to fulfill my dream: the vibrance, the environment, the profession and also the many challenges. Yet my dream is to become a pharmacist, while the real fact may show a total contradiction. It seems to be so peculiar why I choose Australia for such a thing like medicine study but I don't take that a risk. I consider it to be a great preparation and a promising experience-seeking case, because Australia is a perfect environment, I

absolutely will not feel like being at fault when I study higher and may this time be America or France.

The desire to study Medical, however, is indeed a true reflection of the influence that my living experience have had on me thus far. Watching my mom being tormented by her Asthma caught me down whenever tears dropped, and that when a little assurance came to be my life goal: "Don't worry mom, I'll make some drugs to help you". And thus, graduating from a university overseas will definitely give me more chances to approach what I need. Studying is a privilege, so I'll get myself in to technical knowledge, a higher study to stretch my intellectual boundaries, and for a good job afterward. The real fact is, there are more people in my home country need me than just my mother. New diseases are making their rules on poverty. Another generation could be lost if people like me take their chance to run away from their country, our country with a neglect. So, what I'm doing now, and then, I believe it to be my true responsibility, my true future.

In all this, my primary focus has not been faded. Instead I have willingly taken up the challenge to subject myself to a new aspect of me which makes one competitive in a society that should, perpetually, be better.

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Bài dự thi	140
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN ĐỖ THỊNH HOÀNG</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thượng Hiền, Hà Chí Minh

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A scholarship in a developed country is one of the greatest advantages for everyone to develop their future and help improve the world. In my opinion, having gotten a scholarship will create a learning opportunity; therefore, help me to pursue my dream:

Firstly, I believe that I have potentials that can fit in an international studying and working. I am good at math and chemistry; I speak English well; but I do not think that my knowledge is enough good. Therefore, having achieved a scholarship will get me a great study environment, because of the high facilities like multimedia, information resources... Most importantly, in developed country like Australia, USA..., there are majorities of high technologies to build a greener environment. In the news nowadays, I have read about nanotechnology to create new safe fabric material in Germany, genetic codes to unveil the secret of the human body in the incorporated work by Australian, American, Canadian, French scientists. And brand new methods that are believed to reduce the rate of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, by using green energy, in Brazil, France, United States, for instance. Consequently, I strongly believe that study in developed countries like Australia, Canada... will provide me foreseeable advantages to learn more and do more.

Secondly, I do think that my country needs many people to be inspired and improved. This is why: we people in Vietnam are facing undeniable effects from the global warming: floods in urban roads, rapid decline in the water rate of Hong River. We have tried and are trying to solve those effects. However, what each of our students, even in my class, knows that Vietnam itself is facing the lack of professionals and skillful workers. This problem casts a big doubt over the development of not only Vietnam, but also other developing countries. This is also why having a scholarship in hand is so ambitious and enthusiastic to many students, including me.

I have a dream of my future. In that dream, I was back from Australia as a skillful engineer and then work hardly to improve every people life. Then I had a team of my colleagues to build up a company that provides green energy solutions for all vehicles in Vietnam. After stretching our company over the part of my country, we moved to the whole South East Asia. I was having a big corporation, smiling, living in unbelievable happiness...and I

awaked. After that dream, I keep wondering myself everyday: could that dream ever come true? Now I think that I can say yes I can, because, surely, having a scholarship, I will learn to be an engineer!

In conclusion, it is hard, to be honest, to assume that I have already had a scholarship. Several friends of mine and me, we are studying hard to try getting a financial aid or greater, a scholarship from developed countries like USA, Australia, New Zealand, France... countable lists. Out of many things, in short, a scholarship is really a great chance for every student to have a bright future and help improving their country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>HỨA HỒNG QUÂN</b>
Trường	THPT Di Linh, Lâm Đồng

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Getting a scholarship to study abroad is so many young people in these days . But sadly, as hard as it may be to hear, I am living in VietNam - the country that had spent too much time on wars...Vietnam didn't have enough conditions for development, the war's effect on the Vietnamese land and People was too serious. That made our country developed slowly and VietNam's economic development can't catch up rich countries. Actually, Vietnamese people are intelligent, creative and hard-working, but we don't have time and conditions to bring our country to the top of science and technology ; to keep abreast of new developments in the other countries all over the world.

The dream of VietNam's youth is to expand our knowledge; understanding of people and new technology, especially to catch up with the development of the era. We can not only satisfy our indulgences but also contribute to a fraction of the country's development.

Basically, my desire of studying abroad is a part of the plan to enlarge my own knowledge, to satisfy the dream that I have cherished for a long time. I will try my best to study and become a man of science and technology. I will dedicate my life to the economic development of VietNam.

There are a lot of advantages for me to improve my life; especially, in the field of information technology that I was pursuing. In a developed country, Information and Communication Technologies play an important role, the means of communication is developing with an incredible speed. These country have become the centers to attract the youth who love IT. When I study there, I can have a chance to improve my skill and have a good job with stable salary in the future.

After that, when I come back to Vietnam, the first thing I will do is to contribute my knowledge and new technology to the IT Development Program. According to my plan, I and some of my friends will open a new website to teach about IT from basic to advance. We will teach new technology to not only youth but also teenage. And then, with the profits that we gained, we will cooperate with the others program to found a IT training center. The center will bring everyone together, not only the well-trained youths but also the teenage who are highly creativity and dynamic. Some days, Vietnam will have a staff of standard experts in Science and Technology, Vietnam will become a high developed country with modern industry, modern agriculture.

With my idea, I hope Vietnam will certainly be able to keep abreast of new developments in the other countries. We can not only build our country but also make earth a green planet. If I have a chance to study abroad, I will concentrate to study in order to contribute my little strength to make a better world and our planet will be a really green, clean, beautiful planet. That's my desire.

Eversince I had been able to walk, the garden had become my whole world. It was awesome, with life existing in every nook and cranny, with mellow sunshine lingering on the freshly-cut grass like a softly wistful kiss of a summer day and mighty trees rustling and whispering restlessly in the wind. And there I sat, under their shades, silent and spellbound, as the enthralling scenery enacted before my very eyes: an army of ants marching through the grassland. They looked so humane, so lively, as if they possessed a tiny world of their own where they thought and acted like we all did. Now with hindsight, I realize why I had granted them something that they did not have. It was the powerful sense of purpose that they manifested through the mission they carried out, like they were fully aware of their social role and the point of living, that enchanted us, the one whose misfortune, or bless, are to be born without it. God endows us with the freedom to choose along with the difficulty of choosing. Yet without purpose one is supposed to hang around for the rest of one's life, or, as Lewis Carroll aptly put, "it does not matter which way to walk".

It cost me quite a long time to figure out the answer for my own. I was fifteen when I was afflicted with depression. It was horrible, watching oneself falling into pieces, consumed with internal turmoils and the feeling of worthlessness. That was when I decided to join a charity organization and embarked upon my first job-teaching English to the orphans, hoping that it would divert my attention away from my own sadness. And it did. It was a great source of consolation to me, to find out that I have something to offer, something to give. And nothing would give me such a pure delight as my students' faces, glowing with the sense of enlightenment. As I saw them tending to their lessons, laboriously spelling the foreign words, I found my role. My role in the big

world. It suddenly dawned on me that I loved to be a teacher, to be of some assistance to the little one in their vicious struggle towards their dreams and ambitions.

This noble mission demands the most capable being who has been trained rigorously, which the universities in Vietnam failed to offer. That is why I yearn for studying abroad. A better education that I am to receive means a better education that I am to provide. Studying abroad, then, is not only a chance dedicated to my self-improvement, but also my students', and through that we may sincerely hope for a brighter future of Vietnam.

I have decided to major in Philosophy, which aroused some curiosity from my classmates. Philosophy is the search for truth, the seeking of knowledge in understanding the nature of universe, man and human condition. Through Philosophy, one will be able to define morality and beauty, to tell truth from lies, or shortly, to judge and question. Philosophy is the journey that anyone who wants to improve herself must take. As I have stated previously, that my improvement will also be my student's and that my manners and thoughts and judgments will be theirs, I had the responsibility to search for the truth, to tell them what is right and what is wrong, not according to the conventional way or the Karl Max's, but according to the thing that human kind have all been seeking throughout history. My students deserve the best, the whole truth that I can find and provide.

I did not say that I have fully recovered from depression. Yet whenever it tracks me down, whenever I feel lost, I find myself sitting under the apple tree, in complete darkness, waiting. And there the ants will march by, my darling tiny friends, diligently engaged in their work, as if to remind me of the route that I have once laid ahead for myself, the promise to "do some little good for his fellow creatures and labored a little to diminish the sin and sorrow that are in the world."

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Họ và tên thí sinh **TRẦN NGỌC LAN**

Trường THPT chuyên Lê Quý Đôn, Đà Nẵng

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Being able to study abroad, especially thanks to a scholarship is a very big luck, a great opportunity for anyone of us to develop our studying and realize our dreams , ambitions. I, as well as any other students, are extremely interested in studying in a high –quality school or university of a modern and progressive country. And once I have this precious chance I will try my best to enhance my studying, contribute to the development of my own future and also my country.

Vietnam is still a small country and although it is conducting many policies to improve the economy and social life, it also meets many difficulties and can not become modern and wealthy quickly. So in many schools, colleges and universities, we still don't have enough condition to serve our studying, in some places there are not many computers, full-equipped gyms, laboratories. As opposed to many modern countries such as the USA, Great Britain, Australia, ...my country's education is not as good and professional as theirs. And with me, my family can not afford to help me study in an oversea country so the sole chance that I can get is trying to get a grant through my efforts and good studying results. And if I get this opportunity, I will do my utmost, take advantages of the favourable conditions to finish my studying as well as possible . I know that I have to attempt more and more to gain the best achievements. Besides studying I also have the chance to learn about the country's history and culture, contact with different students from all over the world. I should learn to get accustomed to an international environment, I will learn how to cooperate and get on well with my friends , provide myself necessary knowledge about various civilizations .I also pay attention to develop some essential living skills the school teaches me and try to become a totally developed

person with enough learning and experiences which help me get a good job, reach some goals in the future.

For my country the first and most basic thing I could do is trying to study well. I am a Vietnamese and people will see at me to judge something about my country. And once I am given the sufficient knowledge and skills, I will be able to use them to work, contribute to the universal development of my country. I will learn about the advanced progression which I can see directly in the modern country I am studying and once I come back to my country I can apply them in the expanding procession of it. I will accumulate some experiences to help and guide for other students in my country how to get a grant to study in such a modern country.

I really feel happy, glad and enjoyable every time I imagine that I am on the way to a university, go along the pavements of crowded streets in a city of a Europe or America,...And to realize that imagination, to have the competence to improve myself, to assist to bring my country to a new developing standards, I need to effort from now on with great determination and patience.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NHU TRAN HUYNH</b>
Trường	THPT Trần Khai Nguyên, Hồ Chí Minh

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If I get a chance to study abroad, I'll go for a degree in environmental science. Here is why:

When I walk or ride my bike to school everyday, the first things striking at my senses are the littering, the noise and the fume. Because of space limitations imposed by contest rules, I shall confine my essay to the three environmental issues just named.

Just look at the ground when you leave your home and you'll know what I mean by littering. Trash seems to be everywhere. If you are not careful while walking the streets, you might step on a banana peel, a rotten dead mouse or -- gosh -- even a big pile of dog droppings. All these public nuisances can surely be avoided if each and everyone of us has the awareness and decency to clean up after our pets or put our trash in its proper place, e.g., a trash collection box or a recycle bin.

"Meep" "meep" "meep" from motorbikes and ear-splitting air horns from big trucks and not so big trucks constantly assault our ears every time we join in the city traffic. Scientists have said that constant exposure to loud noises can damage our hearing and make us easily prone to irritation. I would suggest that we, as young people, must join hands together to help reduce health-damaging noises on our city's streets. We can start by being more civil to one another and we should only use our bike's horns when absolutely necessary.

If an alien from outer space should land in the middle of any traffic-choked street in Ho Chi Minh City, the alien probably would think that human beings have only eyes and no mouth or nose. And who could blame the alien? Ho Chi Minh City probably has more people wearing "protective" facemasks than any other major world cities. To be fair, our city's residents really have no other choice but to wear a facemask -- what with the city air abounds in noxious fume emitted by millions of motorbikes and tens of thousand of cars and trucks. Can this air pollution and health hazard problem be solved? I think so. Any public problem, however seemingly insurmountable, can be solved if we all do our individual part. To start, we should take our vehicles for a professional tune-up at regular intervals and we should fill our vehicles with only high quality lead-free gasoline.

Above is my personal take of the three most salient environmental issues I face everyday on my way to and from school

-- namely street littering and air and noise pollution. Since I am a high school student and not a professional research scientist, not yet anyhow, so the solutions I suggested in my essay admittedly are of the "high school variety" and are based largely on "common sense." Nevertheless, I hope I have given you a bird's-eye view of what a typical teenager like me thinks about the environment. And last but not least, I would like you to know that writing this personal essay has consolidated my desire to study environmental science in an English-speaking university and hopefully become one of Vietnam's next generation of environmental scientists -- and a female one at that.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN TUẤN TÚ</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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“The world is flat”(Thomas L.Friedman). Globalization has led to people’s desire to join the world. They don’t want to be sedentary but international citizens. For many students, studying abroad is a good way to do so. If I can win a scholarship to study in a foreign country, I could do many things for my future and my country.

I like art an I want to be a designer someday. So I will choose Art & Designing as my major at university. But how can I become a professional designer ? Where is the best environment for my study ? How can I perform my abilities ? Studying abroad can give me the answers. And I will utilize this chance.

The first thing is about study environment. I will improve my English to so that I can understand the lectures fully and talk with other people fluently. Then, I can learn another language. I will talk with teachers and professors about the subjects, which helps me to learn them profoundly. I can perform my abilities with the help of modern equipment, which is quite difficult in my country. I can have

the chance to meet famous designers and get their advices. I can also attend art exhibitions, which will give me more experience for my future job.

Second is about the life, Studying abroad helps me to be independent and mature. Living alone in a different country without parents' appearance, I have to fend for myself. I'll have to face with common problems such as cultural shock, homesickness and racial discrimination. I'll have to wash the clothes, clean the room, pay the bills and cook the meal. I'll have to get used to living among people who do not speak any Vietnamese. But optimistically, these are not what I'll have to do but what I can do by myself when studying abroad. They will help me to develop living skills, become more mature and independent.

Third is about relationship. Studying abroad, I will meet many people from all over the world who can be my teachers, my classmates or my neighbors. I can learn from them many interesting things such as their cultures, lifestyles or their knowledge. Also, these international friends will be my reliable bussiness partners in the future.

Last but not least, I can contribute to my country's development. During the time abroad, I will show international friends about my Vietnam, the history, the culture, the beauty and the Vietnamese. I'll show them that Vietnam is different from what they heard about a country damaged by war, that Vietnamese is talented and friendly. I can apply what I learn in foreign country to develop my homeland. Studying abroad, I can point out what Vietnam is lacking, what problems Vietnam is having and what Vietnam needs to do to develop. Also, I'll apply trandional features to my designs in order to preserve Vietnam's cultural beauty as well as show it to the world.

In conclusion, studying abroad doesn't mean that your future will be better. It depends on what you will do to utilize this chance.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>YÊN NGUYỄN</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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Nowadays, there are many scholarships given to provide students chances of studying abroad. For me, winning such a scholarship is a very wonderful opportunity for my future career. However it's also challenging too.

To begin with, I will have to try as much as possible to make the best use of a modern educational system. Because when studying abroad I will be able to study in a more developed country. I will be taught by professors, study with many other talented students in a really competitive environment with the help of advanced educational facilities. Therefore, I will make more efforts to get a lot of useful knowledge, to train myself and to practise both my living and working skills.

Besides I will also have to face up with many difficulties such as homesickness, culture shock and language barrier. As a matter of fact, studying abroad means that I will live far away from my family, my friends, my homeland and live in a different time zone with absolutely strange people, speak a strange language, eat other kinds of food...etc...Therefore, a feeling of homesickness will regularly come over me as well as culture shock will happen. Moreover, I will have to solve many other problems by myself only. It will be much more difficult as I will have to use a different language. No matter how many problems I may have to deal with I believe I can overcome all of them. First, to be well-prepared, I will try my best to learn about their culture carefully, practise speaking their language. While studying abroad, participating in many social activities not only helps me to understand more about their culture but also to make friends with others. A culture shock is anything but shameful ,therefore I will make more efforts to avoid it, if not, I will consider it a chance to widen my knowledge.

As for me, the most important decision that all overseas students have to make up is whether or not to come back to their country. A foreign country can help to enhance my reputation and indirectly make my country more well-known. As my country, Viet Nam, is a developing one which is in process of industrialization and modernization. It needs a lot of efforts from its citizens to develop the economy and solve other social problems such as unemployment. Therefore I will choose to come back, set up my own business, hire the local workers. Directly, I can help to develop my career as well as take part in developing my country.

All things considered, the way to make the best of a chance to study abroad depends on one's way of thinking and their situation. If I have a scholarship to study abroad, I will take advantages of such a good chance to develop my own future as well as to develop my country.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÊ THÁI HIỂN</b>
Trường	THPT Di Linh, Lâm Đồng

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For a student from a developing country like me, an abroad scholarship to a developed country is always a big dream. However, as the international co-operation between schools, especially universities is growing more and more, that dream seems not to be too far to reach. So, if someone is trying to win an abroad scholarship, perhaps it's not how to win it, but how to take full advantage of it that he shall care about.

First of all, study abroad means a better education, being taught by leading teachers, which helps me to prove my ability and intelligence a lot. Besides, I am also supposed to be stand on my own feet because my family is not with me. So, I'll also have my life skills trained. Secondly, my wish is to become a computer

programmer. Clearly, study abroad provides me with a great chance to approach latest technologies at once. I won't have to wait for 3 months just to see an iPad, or watch an IT exhibition reported on TV. There's no need to do those when I live in New York or Melbourne. I even may have chance to visit top computer technology corporations in the world such as IBM or Microsoft... That obviously will be very valuable experience for me. Thirdly, as I study abroad, I will be able to meet talented students from all over the world; and I take it as an opportunity of learning the worldwide cultures as well as making acquaintanceship, which is never redundant on everyone's way to success. So, an abroad scholarship not only helps me to enlarge my knowledge but also gives me perfect preparations for my career in the future.

After finishing abroad course of study, there's no doubt that I will have many choices to make. I can find a job and try my luck in the country where I studied, or come back to homeland and contribute to my country. Certainly, the latter choice seems to be more proper than the former one does; but in Vietnam, it doesn't. Not many domestic companies in Vietnam have good policies to draw human resources for them. Even if you work for the Government, you won't be provided with best working conditions, which includes wage, job pressure ,etc. And that's why a man who graduated from RMIT University prefers applying for a job in Microsoft to working for BKIS. That's a fact called "Brain-drain" and no one can ever deny it in Vietnam so far. However, it doesn't matter for me. As a Vietnamese citizen, and I'm proud of that, my obligation is to contribute my best to Vietnam future development. Maybe I won't make many great contributions myself, but if I succeed in my work and have some fame in the world, that will make a premise which may foster the following generations to come back to Vietnam after the scholarship. Then I would have made so great a contribution to my country future.

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Họ và tên thí sinh **NGUYỄN THỤY DÝ**  
Trường THPT chuyên Lê Khiết, Quảng Ngãi

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Together with the development of the economics, the demand for skillful, professionally trained labours in Viet Nam is becoming higher and higher. As a result, more and more students want to get a scholarship to study abroad in order to get better education, so that they can have a better chance of improving their ability, achieving their future goals and contributing to the development of their country. So do I.

If I got a scholarship that allows me to study in a developed country, I would be sure to make the best of it. This scholarship provides me a chance to get an advanced education program. Furthermore, studying abroad means that I would be able to integrate with students from other countries, which is a precious opportunity for me to know where my level of ability is as well as to learn from better people around. Apart from all of these, education in developed countries pays a lot of attention in preparing students for the real life, that is to say students will not only learn from books but also be created conditions to get practical experience. This will help me know better about what I am trained for and thanks to that, I can work efficiently when starting my job in the future. In addition, once having been well-trained, I believe that as long as I am self-motivated, hard-working and ready to take all the chances I get, I will be successful, get a good job with high salary, have a high social status etc.

Studying abroad is great, but it is much greater to be able to work using all the knowledge I've got, especially when that work can help contributing to our country's development. I want to make a good impression on foreigners about myself as well as about my motherland. Even when I am still studying, I can have a part in promoting Viet Nam images with friends from all over the world,

since everything I do, every word I say, every smile I make... represents things Vietnamese people do, words Vietnamese people say, smiles Vietnamese people make... Moreover, during the time I stay studying abroad, I can go to native and learn the best of that country's culture, which I can bring back to my country and try to help developing our own culture (while still respect and preserve the national character).

Perhaps looking for a job and settling down in a developed country is the goal of many people. It doesn't go for me. Working for big economics like America, England, Australia... is certainly great, since it provides us all so many chance to pursuring careers. However, I find it much more meaningful to go back to my homeland after graduating, get a job and do my utmost to achieve my goals: asserting myself, taking care of my family – especially my parents and contributing to the development of my country. Moreover, I will always try my best to help other students who want to develop themselves under any circumstance.

Getting a scholarship is clearly very important because it provides a lot of opportunities for me to improve my ability, so that I will work hard for it. However, this is not the only way to become successful. No matter do I be offered this scholarship or not, I will be always working hard to get what I want. I may not be the best, but I will always do the best I can and keep moving forward.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÊ HƯƠNG QUỲNH</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Quảng Ngãi

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According to the United Nations Development Program report, Vietnam is highly vulnerable to climate change, which will inhibit its economic and social development. This has inspired me to become an environmental scientist to help my country address its

climate issues. However, advance studies and research facilities in the field of environmental science, especially sustainable development, are not available in Vietnam. Therefore, a scholarship to study in a developed country would provide me the knowledge and training in environmental science that I believe would not only help me develop my future but also allow me to contribute to the sustainable development of Vietnam.

An education in a developed country would provide me the opportunity to learn from distinguished professors in well-equipped facilities, using innovative educational methods. For example, I would actively participate in class lectures not only to gain in-depth understanding of the subject matter but also to develop the skills to present my opinions. Moreover, being able to access library resources (e.g., at the university or public libraries) would tremendously aid my studies, because these resources are extremely limited in Vietnam. In addition, I would work closely with professors to conduct research in two important areas: how Vietnam can transition from a high-carbon to a low-carbon economy by effectively exploiting available renewable energy; and how Vietnam can minimize potential damages to its people and agriculture if predictions of sea-level rises prove correct. The knowledge that I gain from this would lay the foundation for my future work, research and collaboration.

I understand, however, that learning does not only take place in the classroom. As such, I would also take part in extracurricular activities such as school clubs and community organizations to gain a network of international friends. Working and studying with such a diverse group of friends would teach me skills such as net-working and team-building to work harmoniously and effectively in a multinational environment. This would be an invaluable experience for my future collaboration with Vietnamese and international environmentalists - working towards solutions for global warming, and promoting international investments for environmental projects in Vietnam. Furthermore, I hope to establish an organization in

Vietnam, where Vietnamese youth can study environmental science with distinguished professors, and participate in global conferences such as United Nations Climate Change Conference. I hope to instill in Vietnamese youth a sense of awareness and responsibility towards protecting the environment.

As I sit in my room, suffering from the growing heat in Saigon and reading about the thousands of Vietnamese farmers who are losing their crops due to severe droughts caused by climate change, I am more determined than ever to become an environmental scientist. I know that I can be of great service to Vietnam and to the field of environmental science. With a scholarship to study in a developed country, I hope to contribute to sustainable development in Vietnam, provide insights for fellow Vietnamese students in climate change, and gain expertise in environmental science, thus paving the way for a productive academic career.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TÔN NỮ HOÀNG ANH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Trần Đại Nghĩa, Hồ Chí Minh

For many students, studying in developing countries, especially Vietnam, receiving a scholarship to study in a developed country is a chance of a life time. Although studying abroad may cause some difficulties, but through such things, students are more grown-up and can bring the prosperity to the home country. Therefore, it's important for students to take advantage of the scholarship to aim themselves at an opening prospective.

In many cases, getting a scholarship to study in developed countries such as the USA or Australia is not easy. Since my 9th year, I've been updating every day to try for many scholarships. During the process, I've found that hardly anyone can succeed right at the first

time and there'll be disadvantages ahead when it comes to studying abroad. Firstly, because the syllabuses are different, it's important for me to have a good plan of study so as to catch up with friends and adjust myself to the new way of working. Secondly, living independently is also a big challenge. Particularly, I'll have to do many things myself such as cooking, managing my money and other stuffs. Furthermore, I may have to deal with certain problems due to the difference in culture.

However, if you want your dreams to come true, the drawbacks can't seem to stop you because it is better to look at the advantages of studying abroad. To begin with, when getting a scholarship, I'll be given big financial aid. My parents may work their whole life but still can't afford it. Secondly, studying abroad will give me more opportunities for a good job either in Vietnam or other countries due to international qualifications. Thirdly, it means much to me that there'll be new chances of approaching innovative science and technology and acquiring knowledge. In the full meaning, I can learn effective methods of working and can apply this to Vietnam when coming back. Last but not least, through my away-from-home days, my life skills will remarkably improve, which makes me a more perfect person. Moreover, that I can establish relationships with people from different countries will give me more chances to explore the world.

When I have a chance to experience international education, it allows me to show the world my abilities and bring my best to contribute to Vietnam's development. While living in developed countries, I'll participate in activities aiming to Vietnam like sharing the working skills or doing social work. What's more, when having a job, I'll make an effort to build a network of cohesion, efficiency and work abroad and impulse international companies to invest in Vietnam. By that way, I can help my people to have a better life.

To sum up, a scholarship to study in developed countries is an opportunity in a million and it's worth making the most of it. It may

not be the only way, but a promising one that can help me perfect myself as well as bring Vietnam, “the Tiny Dragon of Asia”, to a brighter future.

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Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>LÊ PHƯƠNG ANH</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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These days, as the world continues to become more globalized, The contemporary trend of studying abroad – from which overseas students can reap many benefits – is increasingly prevalent. As for me, if I have the chance to study in developed countries, I would make the most use of that opportunity to broaden my knowledge, evolve my personal skills, and more importantly, contribute to Vietnam's development.

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience, surely I would broaden my knowledge. I would use English daily, see and hear it in a proper cultural context, which is an optimal way to enhance my English skills. In addition, Studying abroad would also give me the chance to travel, venture out and explore my surroundings. I would now another culture first-hand, try my best to understand more about that country and its local people (not only food, language, appearances, personal habit but also deep perceptions beliefs and attitude to life). Besides, I would enrich my in-depth knowledge and understanding of international, political and economic issues. A different environment would encourage me to be informed and have accurate perspective on world affairs.

Secondly, I would evolve my personal skills. Being immersed in an entirely new cultural setting, I would have to deal constructively with differences. Furthermore, I would make efforts to realize my own ability to conquer challenges as well as to learn responding to

wholly unfamiliar situations. Hence, I would have the opportunity to mature personally and intellectually.

Above all, the most important purpose of studying abroad is to contribute to Vietnam's development. Of course i would study extremely hard ,behave well to make others respect and admire the Vietnamese. After graduating, i want to return home, live and work in Vietnam. I would major in economics, thus, boosting Vietnam's economy is my life-long dream. Moreover, encountering other cultures would enable me to see Vietnam's economy through new eyes, which would help me learn more about the effects of taxes, inflation, interests rates, labour disagreements, even the weather .In addition, i'd explore the wealth of Vietnam, its production and exchange, is allocation in competing uses and its distribution in individuals, which will encourage foreign investment Furthermore, i'd make use of the local labour force by exporting Vietnamese goods, especially those which characterize of Vietnam's traditional culture like handicraft, embroidery, mosaic, lacque,.. Thereupon, i'd help raise the standard of living in Vietnam.

To sum up, if words permit ,studying abroad would definitely be a great chance for me to brighten my future. Therefore, I am trying my best to broaden knowlege, and find a scholarship then contribute to Vietnam's development.

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Bài dự thi	153
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN HOÀNG THỦY TRÚC</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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Bang, bang, bang, my heart is going twice faster than usual while my legs are numb. I am staring at a big granitic board carved "PHARMACY FACULTY". Only after deep breathing for countless times that I can regain consciousness. Two months after receiving

my scholarship, here I am, thousand of miles away from home, taking beginning steps towards my dream.

Walking inside, I am welcomed by a beautifully architectural library as parades of bookshelves fill my heart with admiration. Gliding through hardcovers, I have never felt my dream so closed. "Pharmacist" is always in my head whenever I think of my future. A career in pharmacy can ensure me a highly-paid and highly-respected job. But I determine to spend my life with medicine because of my own inspiration. Controlling toxic viruses, extracting natural substance to make medicines and curing people of pain are my lifetime pursuits. Further more, being a pharmacist is very dedicative. Diseases appear more and more frequently as well as fatal; and medicine is the only weapon to defeat them globally. Last but not least, I choose pharmacy for the benefit of my country. One hundred percents of specific and half of common medicines are imported; ninety percents of raw material is imported at very high prices, which make needy Vietnamese people spend a lot on medicine. While Viet Nam has everything to develop domestic pharmacy: forests containing various pharmaceutical plants, a long-standing Oriental medicine, an extensive consumer market, etc. As a pharmacist, especially the one who acquires the highly-developed pharmaceuticals, I can make changes. In the long run, after four years of studying, I will spend six years for experiences before coming back to Viet Nam. But first, in short-term plan, I need to study well. Looking at thick books jam-packed with technical words and fullfilling rows of shelves, I know that it will definitely not a piece of cake. Not only working smart but also working hard are needed to survive and succeed. In short, the road ahead is long and full of thorns. But as they says: wind blows out small candle and lightens up formidable fire.

It is windy outside the library. Pulling the coat closer, walking toward the classroom building, I suddenly miss my mother and her reminding me of keeping warm. Now, for thousand miles apart, I have to stand on my own feet. Making ends meet, studying without

any remind, living in a rat race, etc require me to wisely spend money and time. In other word, it is a harsh but valuable oppoturnity to become an independent and responsible adult.

The closer I get to classroom buiding, the more crowded it becomes. The sight of various students, from white, yellow to black really excites me. Making friends with people from diverse cultures all over the world is priceless. Dealing with hundred of people with different ideas, opinions, and characteristics is advantageous. In other word, I can perfect many essential social skills: working in group, communicating, listening, getting along with people, etc. All of those experiences will be constructive for my interpersonal skill, especially in this flat world.

Sports and music are things that I also eager to practice to keep my physicality and mentality healthy. Suddenly, a very familiar voice shouts at me. Knitting my brows, I believe I am having a hallucination; because I hear my mother shouting at me: “wake up, wake up”.

Thinking back of the dream, I smile happily. To me, it is not just a dream, it is a mirror reflecting my long time desire and an omen showing that I am heading in the right direction. I believe that I can reach my dream of becoming a great pharmacist to live a materially and spiritually full life as well as to satisfy my thirst to contribute to my country. I have a faith in going the distance.

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Bài dự thi	156
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRẦN QUỐC ĐẠT</b>
Trường	THPT Chuyên Hóa học - ĐHKHTN, Hà Chí Minh

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It was another loud and crowded day on Ton Duc Thang Street, yet inside The Temple of Literature, the scenery stayed quiet in the soft, overflowing April sunlight. I walked along the main paths. The quietness seemed to fit my mood on such a beautiful day, and I felt like time had just paused. The same aged buildings, the H-shaped gate, the pond... but the emotions are intense this time.

I stopped at the Steles. The Steles, worn-down like always, evoked nostalgia and reverence for the past. Thinking about the people who, by brainpower and devotion, had had their success inscribed to last more than nine hundred years on these stones, the image of my first acceptance letter to the University of Texas at Dallas, which I just received last night, flashed back and forth in my mind.

Generations after generations, from only a simple wish for happiness in life, my ancestors have survived on this land. Day after day, they farmed and fed cattles, build canals and warded off floods, cared for their parents and told their children stories of diligence, integrity and compassion. They were invaded, but fought back with heroism. They were ignorant, but intelligent. They were unknown, but always strived for recognition. They were humble, yet gave birth to great people. However, all their lives have been spent within the surrounding mountains, forests and oceans - the geographical barriers of their existence. Worse, they pursued a conservative way of life, isolating themselves from the outside world in their own psychological barrier.

But now, after a long slumber, the dragon has awakened. Wars and poverty have taught it the dangers of conservatism. Today, businessmen, intellectuals and statemen are reaching out to the rest

of the world, applying past lessons from foreign friends to Vietnam, and cooperating towards international goals. Together, they make our lives better while at the same time, our culture richer and our perspectives much widened. Just seeing how many improvements have been made thanks to integration has never ceased to amaze me. It gives me openness and hope, and because of that, I want to be a part of it. I want to learn across the horizons, and I want to bring horizons back to Vietnam. Going abroad for the best education, therefore, is my way. I know it could be the greatest risk in my life as I would be competing, alone, with the smartest brains of my generation. Nevertheless, I am eager than ever to embark on that journey. It is a worthwhile endeavor considering what little I have to sacrifice and what I could gain from it.

This August, I would make my departure to the US. I am prepared for any challenge that I may encounter, and would make an opportunity out of every one of it.

I am confident that I will make my dreams come true.

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Bài dự thi	157
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỰC ANH</b>
Trường	THPT Nguyễn Thị Minh Khai, Hồ Chí Minh

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Firstly, I would like to say thanks, to the organization committee, to hold this contest, and to spend time reading my essay.

Secondly, yes, I guess I'm supposed to go straight to the point.

As your topic points out the two, your future goals and the development of your country, myself and my community, that is exactly the contrast I'd like to speak up.

I've imagined my future university, maybe Harvard University or some other law school, as I'm looking for a college scholarship in law. Since the students in a law school environment are those who are active, high IQ-ed and sociable, I think it would be perfect to broadcast Vietnam image to the world.

Why is this mentioned ? A lot of gifted students look for a scholarship for oversea-study chance, take their flight, done with their study, get a high salary job abroad , good social welfare, and never come back or even think of their motherland.

Even at the usual age to go to universities, we, I , are still youngsters. And youngsters lose their direction very often and easily. "Integration rather than dissolved" – that's our slogan joining the WTO. And that, in the other words, a new-generation youngster must be both individual and socialised.

Socialised in order to get along with the others,

But individual so as not to be dissolved.

If you can keep up with all the newest achievement , the newest technology, have a considerable knowledge of the most famous countries in the world, but you have no idea when people ask who you, where you're from, your nationality.

And it's not just the nationality. It's your own values. Be socialised doesn't mean to be confused with anyone else. Be yourself , speak your own mind is also important.

My future goals:

To become one of the wealthiest people in the world,

To make a total change to Vietnam traditional education system.

My future contribution:

A better education system in which every children has a chance to develop their very own strong points,

A brand-new image of Vietnam to international friends, active, friendly, highly and rapidly developed.

In order to make all the above-listed things happen in reality, not just a dream, I would always quote the following statement: "Integration rather than dissolved"

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Bài dự thi	158
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>CAO PHƯƠNG TRANG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Lê Hồng Phong, Hồ Chí Minh

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Day, month, year,

Dear diary,

Arriving in England in Autumm, I feel like I have just started my life afresh going on this wonderful full scholarship. From now on, I will live in this country for at least five years. The thought of it makes me half excited, half anxious. Why? Well, living in another country can be quite hazardous with language difference, cultural clashes and so on. I am aware of the risk I am taking, but this chance can offer me the benefits I can never gain staying in Vietnam. "To bring out the best, you have to challenge your own limit", right? And this is the very chance for me to overcome myself.

I have walked around the school, filled with hope for a splendid school life here. Studying here is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to broaden my knowledge and sharpen my skills. I can experience a different environmental science, which is undoubtedly a chance to study my chosen subjects in greater depth and from another

approach as well. Moreover, there are many subjects which are taught in highschool in foreign countries such as Psychology or Economics, so upon coming here, I can already focus on preparing for my career as a business manager. Further, I can gain access to the advanced facilities and materials I cannot find in my country. I am indeed in the most favourable environment for studying!

My Japanese roommate seems to be a very warm person. I know we can be good friends. School life is not all about studying, is it not? It is my fervent hope to befriend many people from different countries globally. I can definitely learn a lot from them, not only academic knowledge or language skills but also the culture of different countries. Besides, I can broaden my circle of friends and develop my social skills as well. I strongly believe that this will also assist me tremendously in achieving my goals in life.

I cannot wait to start my life here, and like everyone going abroad with the determination to assist their own country, I also wish to contribute to Vietnam. Also, I hope to gain trust in foreign communities in order to aid my country's monetary growth and global economic union. Moreover, I might not be important figures with great ability like Einstein or Bill Gates, who have contributed greatly to their country, but I hope to exploit my ability and leave a deep impression on people from foreign communities of a person from the country called "The Republic of Vietnam".

Currently, many students set on studying abroad as a means to an end. My life has turned over a new leaf since I came to England this morning, and I fully intend to use every benefit this opportunity has to offer one such as myself to achieve the goals of sharpening my skills, establishing friendship with international students, thus aiding my country in everyway possible, so that I can proudly say: "I am a Vietnamese!"

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Bài dự thi	E01
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>DƯƠNG NGỌC THẾ ĐẠO</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Thăng Long, Lâm Đồng

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I strongly believe that receiving an overseas scholarship can help me to fulfill my educational goals and aspirations to become an English teacher.

First of all, an overseas scholarship would help me to achieve the knowledge and expertise to excel in my future career as a teacher. In a foreign environment, the education system is well-structured and mainly focuses on four areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing. Throughout the course of study, I will be given many opportunities to speak English with students from all over the world as well as participate in group projects and presentation. Hence, my speaking and listening skills will improve significantly. What's more, my reading and writing skills will be sharpened by working on homework assignments, essays and reading lecture notes, textbooks. All of these skills are critical for being a good English teacher in the future.

Secondly, with the fund from the scholarship, I am able to focus on my study without caring much about the financial burden. Financial constraints can prevent a person from realizing his or her goals and therefore a scholarship award would suffice the need of accomplishing one's purpose and simply reinforce the mind to work diligently until obtaining the Bachelor degree. This will also save me a lot of time in university. Moreover, this scholarship can create a wealth of opportunity in an international level and improve my quality of life. As such, I can perform at my best as always endeavor to strive towards higher accomplishments by pursuing excellence in the ideal course of education.

Last but not least, thanks to the scholarship, I could contribute to my country upon completion of my Bachelor degree. Vietnam's

economic growth rate stood at 5.32% in 2009, so it is ranked among economies with high growth rate in the region and the world, according to the General Statistics Office. I believe with such a fast growth pace, my country will need more and more talents. In addition, English will definitely play a very important role in the development of the country to be a global player. Thus, I will go back to my country to contribute my knowledge to nurture the next generations and share with them my international perspective to inspire them. I truly hope under my guidance more students could go extra miles to overcome challenges and get overseas scholarships to build up the country.

In conclusion, with the overseas scholarship, I will not only be able to pursue my dream to become an English teacher but also to contribute the growth of my beloved country.

Bài dự thi	E02
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>NGUYỄN THỊ THIÊN DUYÊN</b>
Trường	THPT Nam Sách, Hải Dương

I am a 17 year- old girl. I study at Nam Sach high school in a rural area. Farmers here have to lead a hard life. However, I seem to be happier than many other young girls at my age, I am attached to “ao dai” along with guavas, mangoes, etc. during my schooldays. Despite the fact that I sometimes like studying abroad, I have never thought of studying abroad. I always think that my life will continue like the simple country life.

Today, to my great surprise, my parents suddenly announced that I would study abroad. Words could hardly describe how worried I felt at that moment. This means that I will leave my dear family where there are my father, my mother, my sister and my childhood’s memories for a strange country. After that, I think that high-qualified employees will be able to succeed in their life and

contribute to the country's development. It, therefore, is necessary for me to attend a foreign university to get knowledge. Finally, I decided to become an oversea student.

I believe that learning in a foreign country will be a pleasure. Living in a multiracial community will be a rewarding and an interesting experience. I may learn about their customs and beliefs directly from them. Moreover, thanks to native speakers, I will practice my English speaking skill. I am also going to get a part-time job to support my life and improve my English. My friends there may help me learn more and more new words and phrases which will enable me to express my own thoughts and feelings better in English and understand what other people say.

At university, I'm going to learn hard to receive the field of knowledge. To improve my learning, I will usually study by myself. I will go to the library to find more document of subject which I learn. As we know, numerous books are in English so it is easy for me to search for materials I need. Furthermore, I'm going to participate in Commission on Oversea Study and cooperate with the members to get foreign document to send to my Vietnamese friends. Besides, I intend to take part in outdoor activities to help me to be more confident. I'm going to visit the museum and a lot of learning centers. There is so much to learn there that will surely broaden my knowledge.

In a further future, when I complete the course with a good degree, good English skills and good knowledge, I will teach English at a high school in my poor countryside. I will apply new methods in teaching which teach students how to absorb information and then how to apply what they learn to solve other problems. Besides, I also teach the poor children English, encourage them to go to school. I will devote all my life to make my country richer and richer. I believe that I will help many children reach the sea of knowledge. I will try my best to make my dream come true.

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Bài dự thi	E03
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐOÀN NGUYỄN DUY ANH</b>
Trường	THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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I have a cynical view of studying abroad. I do not hold the belief that studying abroad benefits the the country as a whole. What awaits the overseas students is a dramatic change in the way of living, a change capable of deterring them from returning to their homeland.

Nowadays, many students are able to study in developed countries, thanks to either money or talent. And how many returned? How many have actually contributed to the country, charity, knowledge, finance or any other way? I estimate that number to be lower than 10%. Statistics I do not have, but I have insights into the mind and the system of thoughts of Vietnamese, for I am also a Vietnamese student.

What do students say before they leave for the developed countries? They tell their friends, their family, their teachers, and their interviewers many promises, many high hopes and expectations of themselves. They claim that they will obviously return, that they will found many organization of charitable work, and they will use the knowledge they learn in the developed countries to aid the government, and they wil contribute generously to help disabled children, and many more beautiful things. The honesty and accuracy of their claims, I do not know, but I know for sure, nobody will claim the opposite. Nobody will say straightforwardly they are not the least interested in the fate of their country, even if they think so.

I admit that there are many students who dream of contributing to their homeland after they finish their studies. Yet, they may not anticipate their own images two or three years later, drastically changed. When they have already got accustomed to the new way of living, with conveniences, luxuries and technology, when they have found new friends, new systems of thoughts and beliefs, when they

have been swept by the pace of life, blown with the trend and lifestyle of the developed countries, when they have grown out of their adolescent dreams, become realistic and materialistic, when their love and enthusiasm for their homeland, which they have not returned for years, have faded away, when they have developed a love for the newfound paradise, how many can resist the temptation to stay, and return to the homeland? But I know, many will choose to stay, find jobs, climb to the top of their career ladders, build their houses, get married and live peaceful lives. And ten years later, maybe they will glance at the newspaper and remember their homeland with feelings somewhat nostalgic yet indifferent feeling, and maybe they will remember their promises back there, promises forever unfulfilled, made in their enthusiastic, dreamy youth, unaffected by the materialistic and ego-centric society. Maybe they will regret, or maybe they will laugh, sadly. All is too late.

And what faces those who return? Now taken in the culture of the developed countries, await them are disillusionment, culture shock, disappointment, inability to adapt. They may be left out of the society which they once held so dearly, for what welcomes their return, is not the homeland at the time they left. What they expect, is not the current homeland. The place they yearn for, the place embellished in their memories and imagination, is the homeland years and years ago, the homeland with pleasant friends and family, with loves and laughters, without worries and practicality. the homeland they long for, a cheerful delusion, is definitely not the current homeland, which unavoidable changes, it is no more the homeland of old times. Now, having lost their homeland forever, having no place to call home, they leave.

Time changes everything, it seems. Only with a stern will and unflinching determination can one refuse to sway and be able to fulfill his lifelong dream, or he and his boat will just drift helplessly, or even be devoured by the waves of the sea called fate. Rather than making excuses, it is high time that we found an oar, the oar of mental strengths.

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Bài dự thi	E04
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>TRAN THIEN TRI</b>
Trường	THPT Asian, Hồ Chí Minh

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Studying abroad is not an easy chance for people of developing countries. In developing countries, there are not many people who can afford to study in developed countries because it is relatively expensive. For that reason, if I receive a scholarship to study abroad, I will surely take advantage of that opportunity. But using a scholarship effectively is quite complicated, so I must make a clear plan of what I should study and how to study it effectively.

First of all, I must decide on my future job. It sounds easy but in my opinion, choosing the job which I am interested in and it is suitable for me to do in the future is a very hard decision to make. After that, I will try my best to get a good result at university.

Some people think that getting good scores at university is everything we should do when we study abroad. Actually, it is just half of the advantage of the opportunity to study abroad. Besides that, we have to study the culture, lifestyle and the way of thinking of the people in developed countries. I find that the way they think about life is different from me. That difference leads to the differences in the way they work, their lifestyle and culture. I really want to find out how the people in developed countries become successful in developing their own countries. The only way to find it out is to live like they live. Gradually, I can find the differences, forsure. Those differences will help me a lot in contributing to the development of Vietnam when I return to Vietnam after finishing university.

If I receive a scholarship, I will take it and try to widen my knowledge as much as possible. Then, I will use my knowledge to contribute to the development of Vietnam.

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Bài dự thi E05

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Họ và tên thí sinh **BÙI HỮU DUYỆT**

Trường THPT Năng Khiếu, Hồ Chí Minh

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A scholarship is not only a chance but also a challenge that only the excellent students can overcome. What is the difference between a GOOD student and an EXCELLENT student? A good student knows how to earn a scholarship, an excellent student know the best way to use it.

If I earned a scholarship to study in a developed country, I would find it a great opportunity to “open my eyes”. I have not been to another country before, so the opportunity to see new things, visit new places, meet new friends, taste new food,... would make me excited! Living in a whole new world would let me practice my living skills such as cooking, washing, shopping,... I would have use English all the time. The new environment would surely make me more independent and self-confident.

One hundred years ago, a young man named “Nguyễn Tất Thành” started his journey to other countries so that he could find the way to free his people. Nowadays, I think Vietnamese youth should follow the path of our beloved leader: travel to other countries and gain knowledge to develop our homeland. I would learn how the U.S became the richest nation, how Singapore became the cleanest country, how the Japanese modernized their own country without forgetting their traditions, how the European nations keep their population balanced,... Our country is having many problems: economy, population, pollution,... and it is our duty to solve those problems! After gaining experience, I would return home and use my knowledge to develop Vietnam although my salary could be not as good as in the foreign country. I have a dream that one day, Vietnam will have modern universities like the U.S, fast trains like China, intelligent robots like Japan, and a green environment like Singapore. First, maybe I would form a debate club and spread the

ways of debating all over the country. And then, well, I haven't think about it yet...

During my course, I would not only gain knowledge but also tell my friends about Vietnamese culture. I would tell them the legend of Gióng, a three-year-old boy who defeated the invaders. I would tell them that Tet is not only "Chinese New Year" but also "Vietnamese New Year". I would tell them about "phở", "nem cuốn", "mì Quảng" as well as other Vietnamese food. I would show them the photographs of "One-column pagoda", Temple of Literature, Imperial city of Huế, Bến Thành Market of Hồ Chí Minh city. Like many other young people, I would show the foreign friends Vietnamese's hospitality and friendliness. If we are friendly, they will see that Vietnam is friendly, otherwise they will have a bad look about our country...

That is how I would use my scholarship. I will try my best to make my dreams come true.

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Bài dự thi	E06
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>ĐỖ NGỌC MINH TÂM</b>
Trường	THPT tư thực Việt Thanh, Hồ Chí Minh

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Studying is just like climbing mountains. The higher the mountain, the harder the mountaineers task become. However, when this tedious task of climbing to the highest part of the mountain is accomplished, the mountaineer is more excited to reach out higher in search of a higher mountain hence the need for a new challenge. For me, an opportunity to study abroad is like one of the highest mountains that I always dream to conquer.

If I have a scholarship to study abroad in a developed country, I will never let it pass by. A scholarship will give me the chance to study in

one of the best universities offering a good education and high technology. In condition, there might be much competition and challenge, too. To study abroad, I am aware that I must prepare myself with knowledge, an enquiring mind and a strong sense of determination. Further more, with such condition, I can not only enjoy an advanced education, but also learn many new things. Studying abroad is really not as easy as it's thought. There will be many problems I have to face such as independent life and how to get on with society, etc. With friendliness and smiles, I will use this opportunity to make friends. Friendship will make life easier and more colorful. Especially it will give me a chance to promote my country to friends around the world. I want everyone to know Vietnamese as friendly, solidarity and hardworking people. I will tell them about our people, our dramatic history and the many traditional custom of Viet Nam. I will even teach them Vietnamese and some popular dishes. I am so proud of my country, Viet Nam.

Being a Vietnamese, my dream is to help my country become prosperous and richer. For this to come true, my present responsibility is to improve myself and become a better student. And I will study hard to receive more scholarship. Trying my ultimate best to climb that mountain will be the beginning of my journey. When I graduate from university, I will find a new mountain by trying to get a masters degree after applying for a job at least three years. Then, I will return to my country and work hard to earn as much money as possible. It will be the best way to make my dream come true. I will even attempt to set up scholarships and grant them to excellent students to study abroad. The hence the students then Viet Nam will benefit more.

I know that “Chance” means “Challenge”. It’s easy to say, but hard to do. But nothing is impossible with a strong determination. There are only three things I can do: try, try and try more. It should only be: “Keep moving forward”.

I like studying as much as climbing mountains. They give me much challenge. The harder we climb, the higher opposition we stand. I'm on my way to look for a real value for myself. And I'll make more and more challenge: I'll study abroad.

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Bài dự thi	E07
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>BUI THI QUYNH TRANG</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Phan Bội Châu, Nghệ An

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If you ask me what i would do once i won a scholarship to study abroad, i will answer without any reluctance that i would make the best of this precious chance to devote myself to Vietnamese development as well as to open doors for me. In this essay, i would like to use the conditional sentences type 1 instead of type 2 as usual to manifest my strong will. By the way, I hate to say that I've set my heart on working in international marketing department. First off, for a university student, studying should be superior to all other things especially when i'm from a developing country, i'll hate to pull my socks up. This may include acquiring knowledge through books and other documents as well as learning some experience from predecessors, which means that a schedule is determinant. Absorbing information can help me to own profound and up-to-date understanding. It is indeed of the essence, when Vietnam has shaken off its shell to join in the interdependent world on officially becoming a member of WTO without a developed marketing field. Having said that, a mere knowledge of theoretical matters will never open the door to success for me. What i'm getting at is attaching importance to first-hand experience through seizing chances of working in multinational enterprises. Also, by socializing with my friends, i can make out the characteristic traits of people from a mixed variety of countries as well as their customs and the differences among varying nations. That can assist me to outline suitable plans before launching a product into an area. Admittedly,

striking up friendship with CEOs-to-be (my friends at the university) serves a favourable condition for me to cooperate with their companies.

Moreover, becoming an overseas student provides me a marvellous opportunity to perfect myself with a Western working style besides a wide range of personal qualities. They can turn me into a potential employee with independence, self-assurance, competitiveness, creativity and an upright character. Yet, I have never offered a scholarship but I believe "Follow the river and you will find the sea". And one thing I can assure you is that I will do my utmost to contribute myself to Vietnam - my beloved motherland.

Bài dự thi	154
Họ và tên thí sinh	<b>PHAN PHƯƠNG THẢO</b>
Trường	THPT chuyên Nguyễn Du, Đắk Lắk

Dear Uncle Ho,

I am writing to tell you some good news. I have just won a scholarship to AT University. I am very happy because my best dream is going to come true and I will have a ready access to an education.

When I was twelve, my brother was accused of stealing money at the company where he worked. In truth, his manager wanted to fire him so he tried to blame him for that crime. I was the only one who believed that he was innocent but I had no evidence to prove that. Then he had to quit his job in resentment. Since then I have always wanted to become a good lawyer to help the people who are unjustly treated. In recent years Vietnam has been involved in some legal disputes with America over the trademark one of its export products (the catfish), and with Italy over the cancellation of a contract with a foreign football coach. In both cases, Vietnam lost due to its unfamiliarity with international laws and customs. Obviously, we need more good, competent lawyers, and I want to become one of them.

You know, in Vietnam working as a lawyer is still an unpopular job. There are not many places that have such good conditions to train lawyers as some foreign universities, such as Harvard, Stanford or Yale, have. Moreover, a student who has graduated from a domestic college, even with good results, still finds it difficult to have a good job. Therefore, I think I am going to utilize this opportunity to improve my knowledge and have excellent legal training. Moreover, I will try to find a part-time job so that I can earn money and gain life experience. This is the first time I have been abroad but I think this is a good chance for me to broaden my view of the world and live independent of my family.

There is a long way to go and I have to face with a lot of difficulty, so I promise, my dear Uncle, that I will try my best to learn and I will work as hard as I can to help our country. I always think of the day when our country becomes a beautiful place where everyone is fairly treated and lives in happiness and prosperity. Whatever challenge, I still have my own motivation to go on. Sincerely yours,

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Originally, <sup>Thank</sup> thank you very much for educational camps that you have proposed and realized the knowledge on the lifting street of our big family.

When I was born, grow up everyday and know what the meaning is. I always dream of a bright future. will take over my dad, contribute to national security to develop Vietnam into the modern country when I will become a policeman. I very like it, but today, my fate is very terrible, so maybe the dream is still the dream. But I will try to become a police. I'm not good at Math, Chemistry, at the scientific subjects, don't have special skills, too. But I'm interested in finding out about the civilizations and the manners of all countries on the world. If I can go on a journey, I can be able to learn more about them. At least, I will collect the traditional dresses at all nations that I will come. Therefore

I have decided on a different choice to be able to feel deeper about the civilizations of this world.

I think that finding out about a friend that will be very necessary for the conjoint action. The union of the nations. Because a shadow is a person who know how to listen to our friend. Be very simple! Union is strength.

I'm a kid, who have Vietnamese origin, a school age. I must not work hard. But I know, the biggest success of my life is my contributions into developments and lift the qualities of all matters at Vietnam. Therefore, when Vietnam has enjoyed WTO, our country is going to confirm more on the developing and integrating road of Vietnam. However, the here roads that are the one of cradles have been seriously deciding for the lovers of the human race, they have no margins. They are limited without conditions everywhere.

There are not only Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, ... but also the cultures and minds at all of different countries. That will not be treasures, your alone treasures. At this time, they become the effective combinations to help people in my country, who can understand, co-operate with you forever. If, although we tried changing into they, but education is not still position of strength in Vietnam. So, to raise the learnings, develop this country, this world, as well as grasp the great achievements. All things are being learned. So, your investments about educational strategy at my country, this is a great campaign that you have been giving Vietnam, for the parents are waiting along about all problem. That is not only at Vietnam but also around the world. Thank you so much!

Let's stand on the top of knowledge and success.

## BÀI DỰ THI

(Bài viết này có hai trang).

At first, I want to introduce myself. My name is Trieu Duc Minh, and I currently seventh grade student of Chemistry class at Le Hong Phong high school for the gifted. I have been interested in chemistry since ninth grade, and I choose my future major to be a pharmacist.

I am interested in pharmacy because I love the way chemical substances react and then turn out to be medicine, and I also want to access a high technology major, which is needed in the future. To achieve my goal, I have been studying very hard at middle school and high school. As a result, I gained lots of knowledge and won the third prize in the National Exam for good students. However, I myself figure out that I am still lack of skills in high technique. Therefore, I am looking forward to winning a scholarship of studying abroad in a developed country. To explain for my choice, there are two main reasons:

The first reason is that Ho Chi Minh city University of Medical and Pharmacy is a very good school; however, it still cannot provide its students many modern equipment, so students cannot gain practical experience and do big projects.

The second reason is that studying abroad gives me chances to challenge myself, to be independent of my parents and to have a better study environment with high technology and more modern equipment. If I had a chance to study abroad, I would love to join a research team on fatal diseases' cure such as HIV. And it would absolutely widen my knowledge and my social skills.

After finishing my study program, I would come back to Vietnam with the hope that I could make pharmacy major more develop. I would work with more research teams in some colleges and pharmacy companies to produce medicine, which now have could be saved from diseases and it would be absolutely a good thing.

After graduating from university - hopefully from a foreign university with a good medical department, I will devote all of my knowledge to the field of synthesizing medicine of Vietnam and help it develop more. As a result, Vietnam will able to synthesis and produce medicine by itself and does not have to pay a big amount of money for importing medicine from other countries in the future.

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### ***Study abroad-my dream***

Toward every student,a favourable chance to study is a precious costly thing.I usually think if I had one chance to study in a modern country such as Australia,Singapore or USA,this thing would be superexcellent.And I do not know when did it become my dream-I wish I would study abroad!

What will I do when I am lucky received a scholarship to study in a modern country?First,I will check my possibility and my determination.And ask myself:"is there enough determination to make power to overcome all difficulties?"But I can affirm eighty percents is enough!Next,in many things which I should repare,faculty of foreign language is the most important.Because I will study and comunice by foreign language(English).So I must study hard English before studying abroad.This thing likes a good beginningand I know "well begun is half done"(HORACE).

When I officially enter school,I will try to 'save' all things which teachers impart.At the same time,I should learn from my new friends.Because all knowledges,experiences and skills from them are very precious.

I think many difficulties in my studying and the excited life in the west will make me to be fallen.But I believe that whith my ardour and my family's hopes which they sent to me will help me overcome excitements and give me come back with my responsibility-study hard.

When I graduate,all knowledges that I amass will help me very much in my future job.I will work for my country and share skills whith my colleague.This item also mean that I contribute for my homeland.

Many things which I did will be the evidene for my hope.

I want to rise in the world!I want to contribute for my homeland and I will not miss any chances if I receive scholarship.I believe in myself.

How I am happy when I am successful!

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ESSAY FOR THE WRITING CONTEST ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD :  
 OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES.

Have you read the horror story of W.W. Jacobs about the hand of a small, dead animal? The background was a cold, wet night at the White family. They received a magical monkey's paw from which they could wish for three things. They wanted £30,000. The following day, Maw & Meggins Company offered them the exact amount of money in compensation for the death of their son - Herbert - due to the machinery's malfunction. Sadly, none of the wishes could ever bring him back. The message was that: "When your wish is done, it is only the tip of the iceberg since you change one thing, you change another, and another. Think about when you hate these other changes but cannot stop them!" In other words, changes are not necessarily fortuitous if made impulsively.

I have a dream. I have never made it a wish under a star. Now, I am asked to put myself in my "dream come true", to predict my reactions and explain them. Firstly, I would like to air my grievance to whoever designed this essay's topic. I strongly believe that he/she did not realize the magnitude of putting the "if" into one's future. To take it simply, a scholarship to study abroad, regardless of its financial value, means a complicated turning point in a student's life. It guides to brand-new surroundings, makes you establish relationships with strangers, works in an unfamiliar environment, brainstorms in a non-mother-tongue, and copes with culture shocks without mum and dad. My grandma used to call me her "featherly little girl" whenever mentioning my studying overseas and come to a foregone conclusion that "you will be worn out before you know how to put on your make-up (!!!)". The challenges are incontestably my pet hate as I tend to follow a folksy lifestyle and get a bit of a scare if changes might mix the whole thing up as they did to the White family. However, it finally dawned on me that, I must not miss the chance, to grow up!

As a saying goes, "the future is not ours to see", moreover, obstacles can be a blessing in disguise, which is made to discover, nurture and develop hidden talents. New culture observes divergent opinions, new connections bring unforgettable experiences, new education, crucially, demand a higher requirement of knowledge, determination, conscientiousness, constant effort, and adaptation, regarding of better studying conditions. These all factors help shape a potential success in later life. Therefore, among applicants for a scholarship, the person with the full awareness of his/her own abilities, opportunities, and challenges of studying abroad, I seriously consider, to be the most trustworthy candidate.

Lastly, it is fitting to conclude that the spirit of self-training, bravery towards difficulties, appreciation of the scholarship as a helping hand contribute to have motives for a student to act along during his/her school days and after graduation. A country has the right to foresee a bright view of development only if its citizens are well-educated.

I am bound not to make changes a night mare, but steps to success.

THE END.

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Họ và tên thí sinh **HỒ BẢO TRÂM**

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Receiving a scholarship to study in a developed country is always a dream in my heart. Because it is very difficult for me to get one when I am living in a small town where English isn't concerned carefully. If someday my dream comes true, it will be joyfulness for not only myself but also my family. I will make use of that chance to develop my future as well as to contribute to my country - Viet Nam.

Studying abroad means I have many other chances to pursue naturally what I dreamt in the childhood. The first, I can travel by planes again to enjoy the feeling in bobbing clouds as the first time I went abroad to attend the Asian Pacific Children Convention in Fukuoka - Japan. The second, I can stare at a lot of huac

and tall buildings, visit many beautiful natural landscapes, take pictures of a lot of architectural monuments, mix with the masses of the native people in their original culture and so on. The third, only in developed countries I can learn lots of interesting and helpful things or study about what I like by many document, books, the most advanced equipments through quality methods. And finally, I can update the most modern industry, the newest progress in every field of life, especially in informatics, electronics and I can get chance to prove and develop myself.

Studying abroad also means, I will get a wide, highly valuable knowledge treasure. I will have ability to practise, apply what I have learnt to real life, to satisfy creativeness to excite my indulgence in science and to open my mind in nature and society.

Supposed that the scholarship is real, I will try my best to get the best results, to get other scholarships to help my parents and to find a good job. Of course, I will never forget my responsibility for collecting a mount of experiments, studying modern science and technology to serve my own country, to dedicate my whole life to progress in industrialization and modernization Viet Nam. I will strive to become an IT expert, use everything I know to produce useful softwares for education, commerce... Besides I will study by all my efforts for my greatest ambition to become the leader of Vietnamese Government in far future. My heart is always thirsting for Viet Nam to develop into a rich and powerful country as what Uncle Ho said.

In sum, getting a scholarship in a developed country, I will certainly make use his chance to make success for my life and I will certainly have a seat in some scholarships by my efforts at the present.

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