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AMDA has been supporting high school students in Tohoku Region of Japan that had received a massive destruction from the earthquake and tsunami of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We would like to thank all the donors and supporters from around the world who have shown their compassion and given support by sending donation through Global Giving.

## **International Scholarship Program**

AMDA International Scholarship Program has started in March 2011 and so far 281 students of 8 schools have received the scholarship (please refer the table 1 in below).

Year	Number of students	
2011	86	
2012	101	
2013	66	
2014	28	
Total	281	

Table 1: Breakdown of Scholarship Recipients:

In Japanese fiscal year of 2015 (from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016), AMDA International Scholarship Program will provide 11,616 USD to 8 scholarship students in Tohoku Region (please see the table 2). Each student receives 15,000yen (about 121 USD) per month until she/he graduates a school. Scholarship students aim to be a medical professional such as a doctor, a nurse, or a physical therapist in the future.

 Table 2: Cost estimate of scholarship payment in JPY 2015
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Name	Prefecture	Cost estimate (JPY2015)	Amount (USD)
Otsuchi High	Iwate	121USD*12months*7students	10,164
School			
Nursing School	Iwate	121USD*12months*1 student	1,452
			11,616



Recently, we have received a letter from a scholarship student studying at a nursing school in Tohoku Region, and would like to share her heartfelt appreciation with you.

## (English Translation)

I have always dreamed of becoming a nurse because my mother showed me what it is like to be a nurse. My longing became deeper and more serious when I volunteered with AMDA after 3.11, 2011.

I am now a sophomore at my nursing school and studying hard as much as I can to achieve my dream. My strong and hardy will to become a nurse helps me a lot everytime I find it difficult to get through practical trainings or daily studies. Moreover, I have a further goal. After graduating from the nursing school, I would like to keep on studying to become a midwife. I was profoundly impressed when I met a midwife with an expected mother while I was staying at the evacuation shelter soon after the Great East Japan Earthquake. After

私が、看護師を目指した動機は、母が看護師ということもあ り、以前から着護師になりたいという思いはありましたが、東日本大震災で「よりか方をと一緒にポランティア活動をしてくる護師 になりたいという思いが強くなりました。 現在、看護学校に入学して2年日になりますが、す、レ憧トで いた者護師になるために、忙しい毎日ではありますが、私なり (、精いっにい、努力していますの実習を日をの勉強で、辛いと感じた い所には逃げ出したくなるときもありますが、こうして頑張うた 見なるのはなかしても有護師になりたい。という強い思いがある からだと思いますのそして、私にはもう1つ夢がありますのそれは助 産師になることです。助産師を目指とうと思ったき、かりは、東日本 大震災のときに、一緒にボランティア活動をいた助産師の方と、避難 所いた好好さんの腹部を聴診したり、助産師とほどのような職業なのかを教えていただいたり、いろいろなりで、「単ないないないない」では、いろいろなか話を聞いて興味を持、 たことがきっかりとなりましたの自分の中での理想の看護師像や 助産師として将来実現したいことはふくうんでいくにがりですが、この 夢を叶えられるようにこれからも努力していきたいと思います。 高校時代に奨学金のかせ話になりましたが、最近母が体調論 し、行事のできない日をか、疑き、学費の方し厳いい状況にあります。 今回もまた、集学金の方地話になりたく思いますので、よういの類い 致います。

seeing the midwife's jobs like listening to the mother's abdomen and hearing her story on what midwife's jobs meant for, I became more interested in being a midwife and now am on the way towards my goal. The closer I am getting toward my dream, the more I can specify the future perspective and expectations. I would like to proclaim here that I will firmly stick to my goal and try harder to succeed.

I received the scholarship from AMDA when I was a high school student. My mother doesn't feel well these days and has difficulties in working. Therefore, I would like to ask AMDA financial supports again and hope my wish will come true.

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