**Sharing Your Scholarship Impact Story**

*A Quick Guide for Scholarship Recipients*

The Goal: Connect & Share Impact

We don’t need to tell you- scholarships have an immense impact making UConn educational experiences possible and turning academic and career dreams into realities. Fellow alumni and friends of UConn generously give back by creating these scholarships. As we foster a culture of gratitude here at UConn, we invite you to share how scholarship has made a difference in your life and build a connection with those who have contributed to the scholarship(s) you received.

1. Be Genuine

You don’t need to be overly formal! Be yourself and share the difference scholarship has made on your UConn experience, just as if you were chatting in person.

1. Opening Paragraph

Introduce yourself. State the purpose of the letter and the scholarship(s) by name. What does scholarship support mean to you and your family? What opportunities has it allowed you to take advantage of?

1. Second Paragraph

Share more about yourself, your goals, and your UConn experience. Why did you select your area of study? What professor/course has had the most impact on you? Describe any internship, research project, or work experience opportunities you’ve been involved in or hope to participate in. What student organizations, sports, and/or community service have you been involved in or hope to participate in?

1. Closing Paragraph

Look ahead to the future. What are some of your academic or career goals that are now more attainable thanks to this scholarship? What does studying at UConn mean to you? What UConn experiences are you looking forward to in the coming year?

Your letter doesn’t have to be long, but it should provide the reader with insight into your experience and the impact of scholarship support. Including a photo is an added personal touch that can go a long way, too. Thank you for sharing your story!