

## Education for Girls in Vietnam Program - Dong Thap and Cao Bang Provinces 2021

Scholarships were awarded to 66 girls from poor families in Cao Bang Province in northern Vietnam and in Dong Thap Province in southern Vietnam. The girls are from grades 1 to 12. All of the scholarship recipients have many hardships in their families. Often there is only one parent or illness in the family. This year has been especially hard because of COVID and lack of work. The scholarship awards are administered by the local chapters of the Vietnam Women's Union and the local schools.

Dong Thap and Cao Bang are two of the poorest provinces in Vietnam and home to ethnic minority groups. The parents in Dong Thap province often have to go far away from home to find work as temporary laborers in agriculture or construction. They have no choice but to leave their children to live alone or with elderly grandparents. The parents in Cao Bang province are farmers who face the challenges of rocky ground and seasonal lack of water. These families struggle to have enough food to eat and to keep their children in school.

Each recipient was given 2 million Vietnamese Dong (approximately \$88) to use for school clothes, books, study supplies and to help their families.

*On behalf of our school, I offer sincere thanks to the individuals with golden hearts who became a bridge for the dreams of poor and dedicated students giving them wings to fly higher toward a brighter future.*

Tran Thi Huong, Principal Luc Khu High School



Two of the award ceremonies.

## Scholarship Recipients in 2021 - Dong Thap and Cao Bang Province, Vietnam

The students are chosen based on the hardship in their family and how well they are doing in school. COVID has made their lives even more difficult.

Here are some of the 66 recipients who you helped.



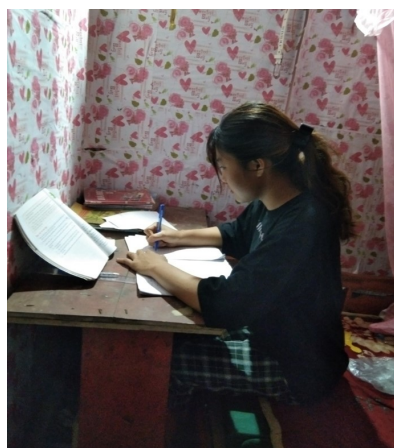
Hoàng Thị Ngọc Diệp - 2nd Grade



Hoàng Thị Hằng - 11th Grade



Vương Thị Trâm Anh - 2nd Grade



Hoàng Thị Riêm - 11th Grade



Hoàng Ánh Mai—1st Grade



Hoàng Thị Thảo - 11th Grade



Hoàng Thị Thơ - 11th Grade



Vương Thị Thúy Quỳnh—6th Grade



Nông Thị Thu Hà - 3rd Grade



**Additional scholarship recipients doing chores at home.**

Dong Thap province is in lowlands along the border with Cambodia. Cao Bang province is in a mountainous area along the Chinese border. The roads are in bad shape and it often takes one hour to get to school.

*My dream is to have enough books, school supplies, and school clothes this year. This scholarship is a great source of encouragement for me. I sincerely thank you. Long Thi Diem My*



Hoàng Mỹ Lệ - 2nd Grade



Dương Thị Bích - 11th Grade



One student's house



Lục Thị Thiện - 11th Grade



Nông Thị Kim Phượng - 2nd Grade



Nông Thị Đoàn—11th Grade



Hoàng Lý Bảo Ngọc—1st Grade



Lương Thị Bích—9th Grade



Long Thị Diễm My—1st Grade

## A thank you letter from one of the students

To the Aunts and Uncles of the Scholarship Program,

My name is Hoang Thi Trang, 11<sup>th</sup> grader, at Luc Khu High School in Cao Bang Province.

I am so lucky and happy to receive such a noble scholarship. For me, this is not only a material motivation but also a great spiritual consolation for me to overcome difficulties and challenges in my life and studies.

My family has 5 people, weighing on my mother's thin and weak shoulders. My grandfather is old, my father has health problems, and my older brother just graduated from school but could not find a job due to the epidemic.

My mother has to work in the fields as a hired laborer to earn every penny to enable me go to school and support our family.

Because of the difficulties of my family and the hardships of my mother, I have always tried to improve my studies. No one in life can handle difficulties alone. You have kind hearts and are the scholarship program's uncles and aunts who have taken great care of us and given us a very meaningful gift. This support is a great motivation for us to keep going to school.

I am really moved and grateful to all of you for all your support. This scholarship helps me believe in myself, I will always try my best to be serious about my studies and use the scholarship appropriately so that I will meet your hopes and expectations of me.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of you.

Finally, I wish that you and your family will be healthy, happy and successful in life, and I hope the scholarship program will become stronger.

I sincerely thank you.

Yours,

Hoang Thi Trang



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