

December 04, 2014

Re: Thank You for Awarding Me the Leslie C. Green Veterans Scholarship

Dear Ms. Anne Green, Professor Craig Forcese, and Professor (and Lt Col) Chris Penny:

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for awarding me the Leslie C. Green Veterans Scholarship. This scholarship means a lot to me and has given me a new well-founded motivation to pursue my legal studies in international humanitarian law.

I am originally from Sierra Leone, West Africa. My family immigrated to Canada in 2001 as a result of the civil war that occurred in Sierra Leone during the 1990s. In that war, I lost my father, who was the sole bread-winner of the family. Fortunately, my family was accepted as refugees in Canada, and we were able to start a new life here.

After finishing high school, I joined the Royal Canadian Navy in June of 2006, where I served a four year contract. My time in the navy was very rewarding in terms of character building, learning new things, and finding out which direction I want my life to head. I also had a lot of opportunity to make new friends and travel the world.

It was my travels that motivated me to go back to school and pursue a degree in political science with the eventual goal of going to law school. My main reason in pursuing a political science degree was my fascination with learning international relations and international law. During my undergraduate studies, I found that my interest in learning international law increased, especially in the area of humanitarian law. This was because I realized that international humanitarian law is a growing field, and has the potential of remedying a lot of the problems that exists in the international community.

Now that I am in my first year at University of Victoria Faculty of Law, I have started to realize the intricacies of the law and how challenging it is to learn. As a first year student, we are still learning the basic aspects of the law. However, I intend to pursue international humanitarian law courses as I progress in my studies.

Once again, I thank you for choosing me for the Leslie C. Green Veterans Scholarship award. I am sincerely grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. M. Mujtabah". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Anwarullah Mujtabah