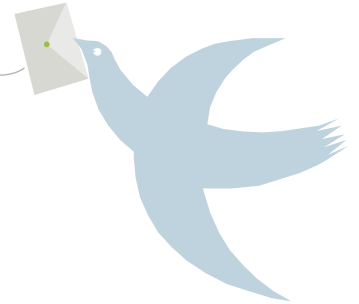


# thank you letter



*Dear Sir/Madam*

*The much needed financial assistance came at just the right moment, especially when there was news of the impending downturn in the US economy and the potential recession in the months ahead. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude towards the donors of the Singapore Medical Association Medical Students' Assistance Fund in helping needy students like myself who are struggling to handle not only the stressful workload of the medical education, but also the additional burden of enduring some of life's other hardships.*

*The sum, though not much in the eyes of my other medical friends, who are from well-to-do families, is definitely quite a substantial amount to me. It will serve to offset some of my transport costs, which are spiralling upwards, since it is no longer just a to-and fro trip between college and home. Now, the transportation costs that I have to bear includes having to travel to hospitals far away from my home.*

*Given that Year 3 marks a transition from pre-clinical to clinical years, more time would also be spent in the hospitals, and meals will have to be taken at the more expensive foodcourts, instead of the subsidised meals at NUS. Thus, the amount will help to alleviate some of the additional costs incurred on food alone. The Fund will also help to offset the costs of my expensive medical textbooks.*

*Well, the Fund will certainly help to offset most of the costs of daily living. It will definitely help to alleviate the current financial burden on my family too. I guess, in this way, whatever loans that my family is trying to settle could also potentially be settled earlier.*

*I have faith that things will get better for myself and my family in time to come. Perhaps, my prayers were really answered. I am really thankful. At least, I will be able to focus on things that are more important without having to worry too much about how to get by on a day-to-day basis.*

*Thank you.*

*Yours sincerely,  
A grateful medical student*