

Andrej Stojanović

"The scholarship has meant a lot to me because it made it easier for my mother to cover my needs, the food, internet access that I need for school assignments, and for paid software. I bought textbooks, notebooks, a microwave so I can quickly prepare something to eat, and a waffle maker that I've always wanted... There was even enough for my pets. My mom doesn't really want me to spend my money, she thinks I should save it for later, but whenever I see that something is missing, I buy it or pay for things myself."

With these words, Andrej Stojanović from Jagodina begins his story. He is a third-year student at the High School in Paraćin, enrolled in the specialized program for students with exceptional abilities in computer science and informatics.

Andrej lives with his single mother in a rented apartment, relying on social assistance and mother's occasional jobs. His mother, a veterinary technician by profession, is also facing serious health problems. Despite everything, they take care of abandoned animals together, treating and sheltering them as much as they can, often sharing even the little they have.

Andrej completed primary school as one of the top five students in his generation. He won awards in competitions in physics, biology, mathematics, chess, and especially English, which he began learning on his own at the age of two and a half. He has received multiple recognitions from national and international competitions.



In his first year of high school, he suffered a serious leg injury during a physical education class, which left lasting consequences. Due to a long recovery period and additional health complications, he missed classes, but he still completed both his first and second years with excellent grades.

His goal is to enroll in the Faculty of Electrical Engineering or the Faculty of Organizational Sciences, majoring in software engineering or information technology. He wants to work in the IT sector, continue gaining knowledge and experience, and one day become a scholarship donor himself to help another child.

Today, Andrej is independently preparing for an English language competition, volunteering with the Red Cross of

Serbia in Paraćin, and continuing to help abandoned animals.

For Andrej, the scholarship represents security, dignity, and the opportunity to take on part of the responsibility for his family.

By supporting one student, a scholarship does not change just one year of schooling. It changes the course of a young life and creates a future professional, humanitarian, and potential donor who will continue to multiply that kindness.