

Jovana Lazarević

Jovana lives with her single mother in the village of Glumač, near Požega, in the Zlatibor District. She is a third-year student at the “Sveti Sava” High School in Požega, enrolled in a specialized program for students with advanced abilities in computer science and informatics, and she commutes daily to school from her village. She has no contact with her father and does not receive child support, and her family circumstances from an early age have shaped her into a modest, hardworking, independent, responsible young person who is deeply committed to education.



Since the seventh grade of primary school, Jovana has been facing serious health issues related to her spine, but this has never discouraged her from setting high goals and working persistently to achieve them. Despite these health challenges, she consistently achieves outstanding results both in school and beyond.

She particularly excelled in competitions in Serbian language, literature, and geography, where she achieved notable results at the national level already during primary school, earning the Vuk Karadžić Diploma and several Dositej Obradović Awards. She is also a participant in the Regional Center for Talents in Čačak. However, despite her strong love for literature, language, and writing, Jovana has decided to build her professional path in the field of mathematics and after completing secondary school plans to enroll in a Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, majoring in Data Analytics and Statistics.

During secondary school, Jovana has continued to achieve excellent academic results, while at the same time nurturing her creative side through writing and participation in literary competitions, where she has also received recognition.

“The scholarship gives me a sense that I am not alone and that my hard work and perseverance are seen. It allows me to focus on school and my goals, without the constant worry about how my mother and I will manage financially,” Jovana says.

In addition to her academic achievements, Jovana is also socially engaged in her community. She regularly volunteers with the Association for Cerebral Palsy, Poliomyelitis, and Paralysis in Požega, where she takes part in creative and humanitarian activities, the preparation of charity bazaars, and work with beneficiaries. For Jovana, volunteering is a way to give back to the community through her knowledge, time, and energy, and to support those who need it most.