

MARIJA DREZGA, OBRENOVAC, 1ST GRADE

Marija Drezga



Marija is one of the 39 scholarship students supported by Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation for school year 2017-2018. Marija's family has escaped from Croatia during the war, and today they live in Obrenovac. Unfortunately, their family house was destroyed due to devastating floods that hit the municipality of Obrenovac in 2014.

Despite the challenges life has thrown at her, Maria is excellent first-year student at the Gymnasium (science and mathematic department) and she is planning to study and became an engineer. In her leisure time, Maria helps her elderly neighbor to sell vegetables and other products on the nearby market, including bringing the products, arranging and cleaning the selling stand.

Maria also regularly tutoring classmates mathematics, physics and chemistry.

She finished her first part of school year with highest marks. and then spent part of the winter break at the Petnica Research Station,

a science camp for talented students, where she was invited to participate within a chemistry seminar. Thanks to this scholarship, she paid for participation to the Petnica science camp.

She describes this camp has significantly contributed to the improvement of her knowledge, but also it was opportunity to meet interesting people. "I showed to my friends from Loznica and Pozarevac how experiments with crystallohydrates were done and I was very happy about that," says Marija.

As a part of the scholarship support, Marija has got a laptop which will make her studying a lot easier, but as well contribute to quality leisure time and access to other forms of informal education.



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