

1). I feel myself as a very lucky person for being a recipient of Joy Attwood Scholarship. For me, it really means a lot to get the scholarship. As I belong to a middle class family, it was really hard for my parents to provide me and my brother with the further higher education. But as I got the scholarship, the burden to manage money for my education has become a little less on my parents. The scholarship has helped me to continue my further higher education. It has provided me a chance to walk a step ahead towards my dream. It has also provided me encouragement for doing even more better in my future. I as well as my whole family is very thankful to Joy Attwood Foundation and to those who have contributed for providing me with the scholarship.

2.a) Every society has some kind of deep rooted social problems. Such kind of social problems are also found in my community. Out of all of them, I have mostly experienced gender based inequality. It is one of the major drawback in Nepalese culture. It describes the absence of obvious or hidden disparities among individuals based on gender. Disparities can include the discrimination in terms of opportunities, resources, services, benefits, decision making power and influences. Males enjoy a privileged status from their birth whereas females are often ignored and are isolated from social interaction. They are not granted the same opportunities in education and other basic rights are often overlooked. The situation is little bit changed in urban areas but the rural areas still have such problems. Nepalese society expects female to inhabit with their husband's family and males to continue living in his own parent's home. In my family as well, my father is more educated than my mother and important decisions are often taken by my father. My parents have provided me and my brother with equal opportunities but they still expect me to do the household activities and my brother to become the source of income.

2)b. Nepalese society has a very deep rooted problem of gender based inequality. An individual's effort is not enough to solve this problem. In order to solve this problem, awareness programmes should be conducted among the people in the society. Strong laws should be made in order to bring the backwarded females in the limelight. Every parents should provide equal love, affection, care and opportunities to their both sons and daughters. Education is a key to every problem. Every girls living in Nepalese society should be provided with quality education. They should be encouraged to fight for their rights and freedom. Even though government has now formulated the law of 33% involvement of women in every sector, still we experience least involvement of women in social institutions and any other sectors. So I guess, in order to eliminate gender based inequality, this law should be strictly followed. From my point of view, it would be far better if government could involve 50% of women in every sectors. That would be a perfect equality among males and females.