

Manulife Life Lessons Scholarship recipient Connor S. - video transcript

My life lesson is to practice openness. My parents really emphasized that education was important but they also thought that a healthy balance in life was important and they supported me in any other activities that I wanted to try. If my father had had life insurance, my family wouldn't have had to move homes and I also would have had more money saved for my education. Funding my education has been difficult but also enjoyable because I've been able to have a lot of really good working experiences. I found out about Manulife Life Lesson Scholarship from an ad I saw on social media. I was surprised that Manulife was offering a scholarship that applied so perfectly to me. The application process was emotionally challenging but also very rewarding because it allowed me to share my story with others. I chose to do a video application for the scholarship program because I felt that a video would properly express my experience. If you're a student who is hesitant to apply, I would definitely encourage you to do so. My father taught me that I should do something that I love so I chose to study psychology because I really am interested in helping other people. I think happiness is within everyone's reach, it's all about how you approach life through your mindset rather than what has happened to you. My life lesson is to practice openness. I want other people to understand me and so I strive to understand them by being open.