

# British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce

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**Ref.: BUCC Student Scholarship Appeal/ For Karyna Nechyporuk to Study Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge**

**Dear Members and Friends of the British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (“BUCC”),**

## **(1) The BUCC Student Scholarship Appeal**

The **BUCC Student Scholarship Appeal** has been created to fund Ukrainian students admitted to attend Cambridge, Oxford and other top British universities as undergraduates, but who cannot find the necessary funding because the existing scholarship programs available to Ukrainians are only for graduate school places at universities abroad. Since the Ukrainian currency has so declined in value since 2009 against the British pound, it has become difficult for Ukrainian students and their families to afford British university fees. The BUCC aims to solve this problem.

We have selected, as our first candidate for funding, **Karyna Nechyporuk, a brilliant 17-year old mathematics student, who last year was accepted to study at Trinity College, Cambridge University, the legendary college for mathematicians starting with Newton.**

**Karyna needs to raise £30,000 per year to cover her Trinity College tuition and related accommodation expenses to study mathematics for three years, in addition to the £10,000 per year that her family and she are able to pay for tuition.**

**Please help us to raise the funding that Karyna needs in order to take her place at Trinity College, Cambridge, and realize her opportunity. To make a donation, you may:**

- (1) Directly make a wire transfer to our BUCC’s NatWest Bank account in London at Sort Code 50-00-00, Account Number 45217734, Ref: BUCC/Nechyporuk;
- (2) Directly pay by credit card to our Monzo Bank Account via our **Stripe Payment Button on our BUCC Website, at bucc.uk**, or by wire transfer to our Monzo bank account at Sort Code 04-00-04, Account Number 39114924, Ref: BUCC/Nechyporuk (this account has been set up by me to be used solely for the BUCC Student Scholarship Appeal); or
- (3) Pay into our GoFundMe Account, created in the name BC Toms for the BUCC Student Scholarship/Nechyporuk, which can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/bucc-student-scholarship>

All amounts received by the BUCC will be promptly paid 100% to Trinity College, Cambridge University, by the BUCC. There are no BUCC transaction fees or benefits whatsoever for the BUCC, or for myself as the organizer of the GoFundMe page (from Ukraine, a foreign national has to handle its creation - please note that GoFundMe itself imposes small charges). (The BUCC covers all NatWest and Monzo bank fees and expenses ourselves (which I personally guarantee), so that 100% of all donations made via these banks will be used for the Trinity College tuition and accommodation expenses of Ms. Nechyporuk. (Any money raised beyond what she needs will be similarly spent for the next Ukrainian student selected by the BUCC who needs such funding to attend a leading British university – which we will similarly announce once this funding is successful.)

## **(2) Karyna Nechyporuk’s Letter on Why She Needs Your Support**

Please help us to support this fine young student to realize her dreams and continue her study of mathematics, the foundation of computer science, at the highest international level. It is extraordinary for someone to succeed at the age of 16 with their Cambridge entrance exams (even in the UK), which is especially impressive as she did this while also getting top marks in her regular Ukrainian school work. Trinity College is the most difficult Cambridge college to gain admission to. Ukraine needs persons like Karyna trained at the highest level to help develop our IT future.

Karyna wrote the following to explain why she wants to study at Trinity College, Cambridge, and how she has been fascinated by math since primary school:

“I would like to study mathematics at Cambridge, where I was accepted last year. Talking to people who are already studying there, visiting Cambridge and reviewing details on their educational model have made me even more sure that Trinity College, Cambridge, is exactly what I need in order to develop my mathematical ability. I am encouraged by their educational model. It provides an opportunity to study math with a unique speed suited to each individual’s progress, while being surrounded by highly motivated, knowledgeable people. After spending a year preparing for and passing the special Cambridge exams, in addition to my regular school work in Ukraine, I received an offer from Trinity College, Cambridge. Despite Covid 19, they will be running their courses this academic year as usual, based on small tutorials (without any large lectures).

Unfortunately, as an overseas student, my Cambridge tuition fees and residential expenses costs £40,000 per year. With my family, I can pay only £10,000, one-quarter of what is needed, leaving £30,000 to be raised, so I had to defer my offer last year to search for scholarships and sponsors of my education. There are still no scholarships presently available for UK undergraduate study by someone from Ukraine. To try to raise funding, I have created my own clothing brand to sell shirts and hoodies with funny prints connected to science and have been working hard at other jobs, but it seems that I will only be able to raise £10,000 per year with my family's help. The Coronavirus has made good jobs very difficult to find for students. The BUCC's fundraising effort now appears to be my only chance.

Presently, I continue to study maths at the National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv. I also teach kids who attend math circles on weekends and summer math camps. I have been a maths teacher for over three years (both for groups and individuals). This year I will be teaching children in orphanages to help give them a chance for a better education.

I have participated in many international competitions and have had some success, such as winning silver and gold medals at EGMO (European Girls Mathematical Olympiad) and a bronze medal at MEMO (Middle European Mathematical Olympiad). During the past two summers, I have participated in the following international math programs: Maths Beyond Limits (Mathematical Camp in Poland) - twice, and PROMYS Europe (a six-week mathematical program at Oxford). This has made me even more aware that I need such a high level, intense education as Trinity College, Cambridge, provides to further develop my mathematics understanding and ability.

In the future, I want to find a job that will allow me to use and advance the mathematical skills that I am developing. Currently, I am really interested in IT, and learning programming languages and the basics of Data Science. I also wish to continue helping to develop younger Ukrainian students who want to study math, and generally to help to improve the maths and IT educational system in Ukraine."

### **(3) A Note on the BUCC**

The British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC) undertakes public service activities to help Ukraine in its transition to a western economy. We were founded 23 years ago to promote trade and investment between Ukraine and the UK. Through the City of London, the financial capital of Europe, we work to generally develop trade and investment internationally with Ukraine. We also work on charitable projects, such as the BUCC Student Scholarship Appeal presented above, to help Ukraine progress as a European democracy. For these purposes, we have organized many major events and projects, such as Ukrainian Week in London. (Please see our website <http://bucc.uk/>)

**We need to complete this fund raising as quickly as we can. If you would like to in participate, please make a contribution and let us know! You may contact us, including if you have any questions, at:**

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The Curriculum Vitae of Karyna Nechyporuk follows below.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

### **Annex 1. Curriculum Vitae of Karyna Nechyporuk**