

Building a Better Future With His Own Two Hands

At just 15 years old, **Anton Makaruk already knows what he wants to do with his life.**

Give him an electrical appliance that is not working, and he wants to know why.

He enjoys taking things apart, understanding how they work, finding the problem, and putting them back together again.

Electronics and technology have fascinated Anton since childhood.

Now he wants to turn that curiosity into something much bigger—a profession that could change not only his own future, but the future of his family.



Growing Up With Very Little

Anton lives in the village of Symoniv in Ukraine's Rivne region with his mother, Maryna, and his nine-year-old brother, Ihor.

His parents are divorced, and his father is currently serving in the war. That leaves virtually all responsibility for the two boys with their mother.

But Maryna faces serious challenges of her own. She has a Group II disability. After losing a kidney and struggling with other health problems, she is unable to work.

The family's only income comes from modest social assistance. That money must cover everything—food, utilities, clothing, medication, and the everyday necessities of raising two boys.

There is nothing left over. No savings. No education fund. No safety net when an unexpected expense arises. Anton understands this reality very well.

And rather than allowing it to defeat him, it has made him even more determined to build a different future.

A Boy With a Plan

This year, Anton graduated from his local school and made an important decision. He wants to attend the **Rivne Technical Professional College** and train as an electrician specializing in the repair and maintenance of electrical equipment.

His goal is straightforward: become very good at something he genuinely enjoys doing.

But his dreams don't stop there. One day, Anton hopes to open his own repair shop or service business.

For a 15-year-old boy, that might sound ambitious. But when you listen to why Anton wants to succeed, his motivation becomes clear.

He wants to be able to support himself—and help his family.

Anton hopes to become the first person in his family to receive a professional education. He knows that a trade can provide something his family has rarely experienced: stability.

One Obstacle Stands in His Way

Anton has the desire. He has the ability. He has chosen the profession. What he does not have are the financial resources to get there.

His mother simply cannot afford tuition, textbooks, transportation into the city, meals, school supplies, or even many of the basic personal expenses that come with attending college.

For Anton, a **HART Education Scholarship** could make the difference between dreaming about a profession and actually having the opportunity to pursue it.

In his scholarship application, he wrote:

“Despite these challenges, I truly want to get an education and build a career doing something I genuinely enjoy. For me, this scholarship is an opportunity to study, grow, and take the first step toward my dream.”

Then he added: **“I am sincerely grateful to everyone who supports students like me.”**

You Can Help Anton Take That First Step

There is something especially encouraging about a young person who is not asking for someone else to build his future for him.

Anton simply needs the opportunity to build it himself.

A scholarship gives him the tools to begin. It can help provide his tuition. His books. His transportation. And the basic expenses that stand between a capable young man and the education he desperately wants.

But the impact could reach much further.

One day, Anton may be earning a good living. He may own his own business. He may be helping his mother purchase medicine without wondering which other bill will go unpaid. He may be helping his younger brother pursue an education of his own.

A scholarship for Anton is therefore not simply an investment in one 15-year-old boy. It could become the beginning of a very different future for an entire family.

And that is what HART supporters in Canada and the United States make possible.

Your generosity places an opportunity into the hands of a young person who is ready to do something with it.

You provide the opportunity. Anton provides the determination and hard work.

And together, another young life begins moving from poverty and uncertainty toward dignity, independence, and hope.

Anton is ready to build his future with his own two hands.

Thank you for helping place the tools within his reach—and for demonstrating through your generosity that God has not forgotten this young man or his family.

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