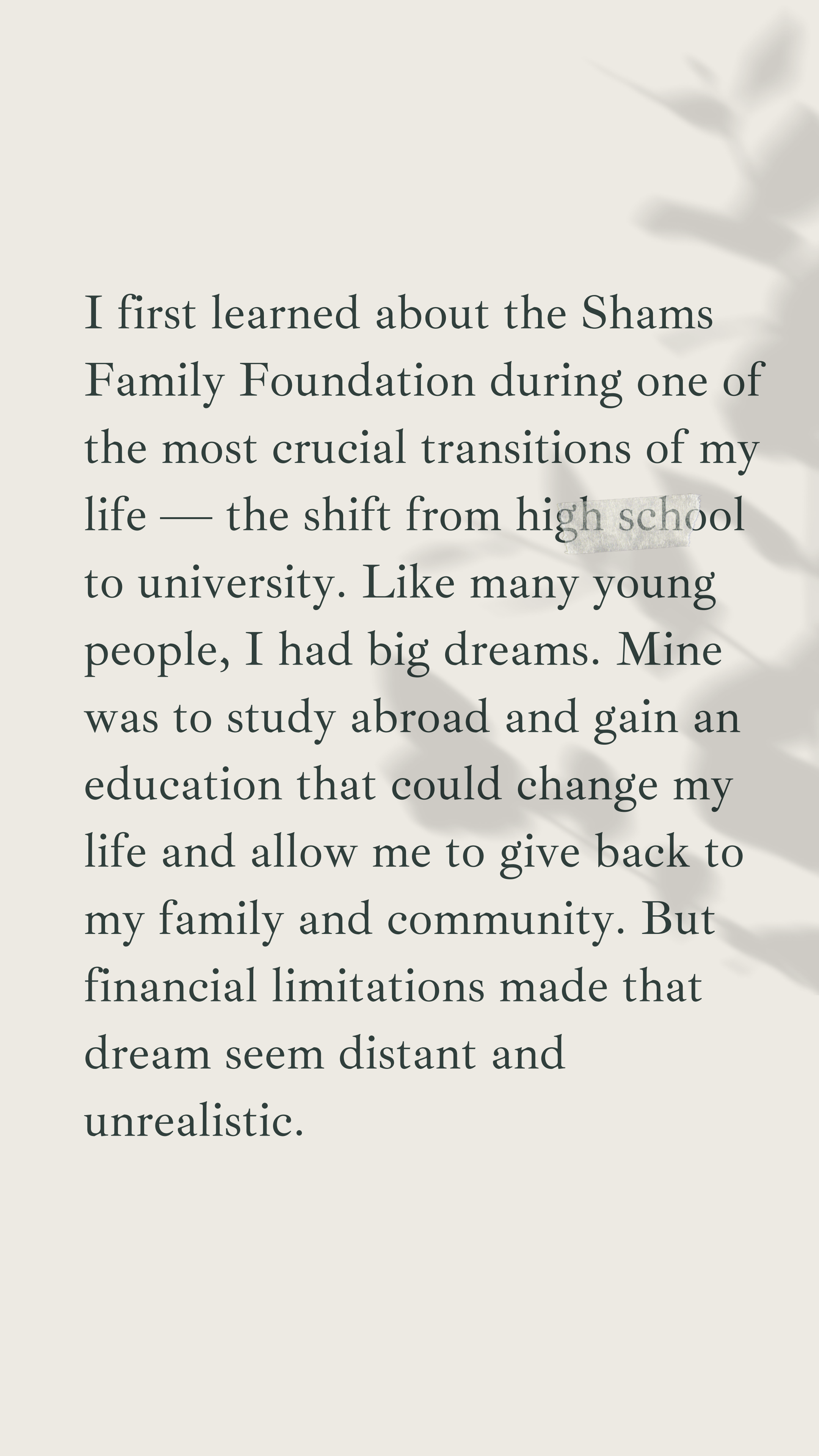


Beyond the Cap and Gown

My Graduation Story with SFF





I first learned about the Shams Family Foundation during one of the most crucial transitions of my life — the shift from high school to university. Like many young people, I had big dreams. Mine was to study abroad and gain an education that could change my life and allow me to give back to my family and community. But financial limitations made that dream seem distant and unrealistic.



Around that time, some of my friends told me about a prestigious program called Launchpad, created by the Shams Family Foundation. They explained that it was designed to help young people learn and earn — a concept that immediately resonated with me. At the same time, one of my relatives, a board member of SFF, encouraged me to apply. Inspired and full of hope, I submitted my application and was thrilled to be selected.



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The Launchpad program supported me through every step of my journey — from university admissions and visa processing to travel, initial settlement, tuition and dormitory fees, and even a living stipend. But more than any financial or logistical support, I was fortunate to receive life-changing mentorship from Mr. Kam Shams, the Chairman of SFF. His guidance shaped the way I think, plan, and dream. What I've learned from him cannot be described in words — it was mentorship that went beyond academics and touched every part of my personal development.

A few days ago, I proudly walked across the stage at SEEU to collect my Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. That moment was not mine alone — it belonged equally to the SFF board and to every person who supported me along the way. We had burned the midnight oil together, navigating challenges and staying focused on the goal. That degree would never have been possible without the unwavering support of the Shams Family Foundation, and I carry it as a symbol of our shared dedication and belief in a better future.



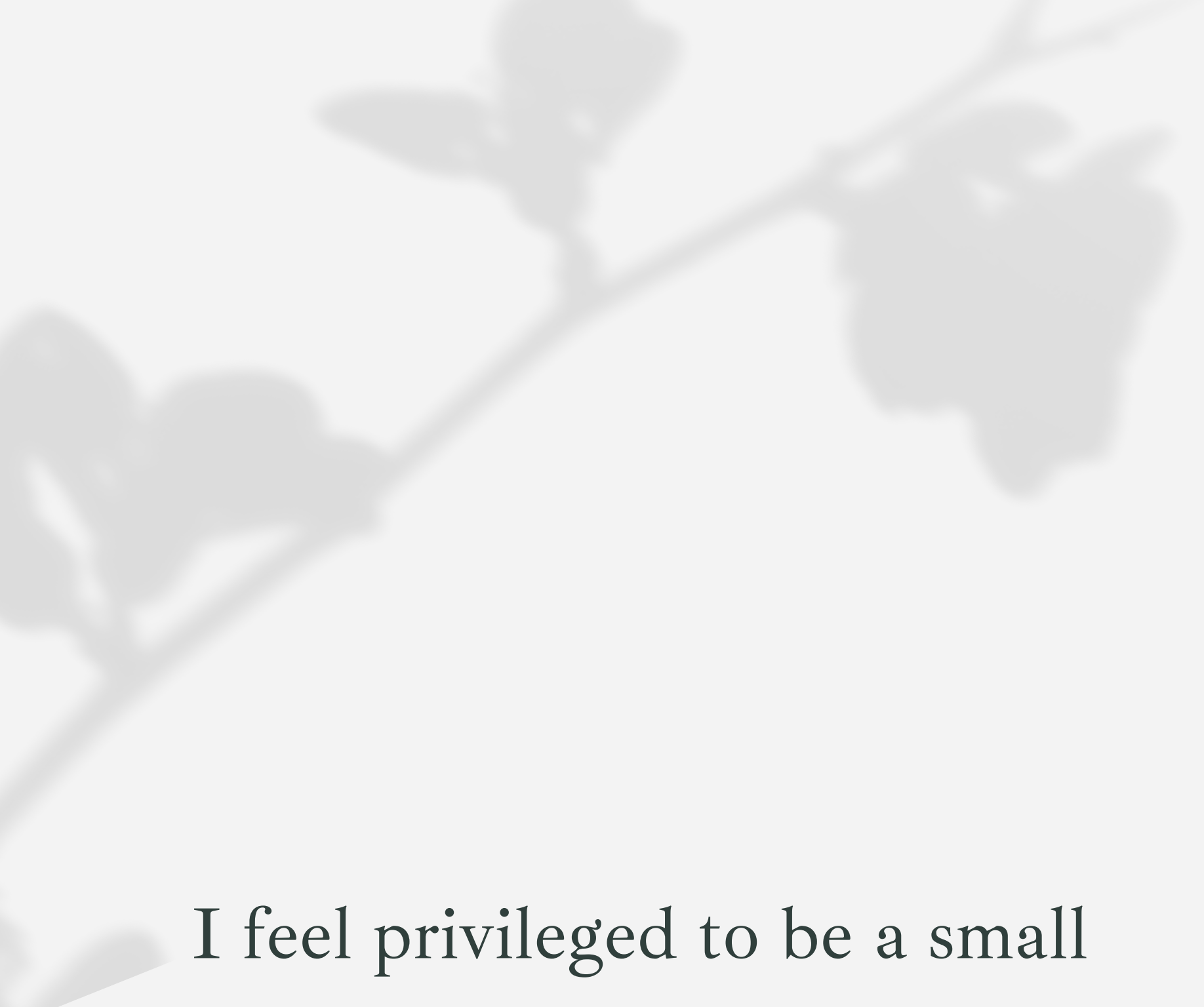
Thanks to SFF, I gained the confidence to pursue my goals. I became financially and mentally independent, self-reliant, and determined. I had the privilege to study abroad and learn alongside students from around the world. I began to see life from a broader, global perspective — one I could never have imagined before. I even began supporting my family back home while continuing my studies.

Mr. Kam's mentorship opened my eyes to the importance of technology in every field of modern life and the essential skills needed in the 21st century — lessons that no school or university alone could teach. I became stronger, sharper, more decisive, and more focused in every part of my life.

Now, as I move into the next phase of my journey, I'm proud to say that I've continued to grow through new opportunities. Thanks to the collaboration between SFF and SEEU, I secured a position as an Erasmus exchange student in Germany, a country full of opportunities, especially in tech.

Currently, I'm in Germany learning the language and getting to know the landscape because SFF is developing a new dual-study program here, and I am eager to be part of it — to contribute, learn, and help shape its future.

I deeply appreciate the incredible work that the Shams Family Foundation is doing. Their mission is simple yet powerful: empower one student per family, so that through that one student, the entire family — and eventually the community — can rise. It's a sustainable, generational approach to empowerment through education, opportunity, and mentorship.



I feel privileged to be a small part of this mission. And I am committed — with full heart and intent — to continue contributing toward our shared goal of uplifting underprivileged communities through education and global opportunities.





Together,
I believe
we will
succeed.

