

Moldovan Student Sponsorship Newsletter

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WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE REALLY WANT AND WHAT TRULY MATTERS TO THEM

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The sun's rays, the sweet scent of flowers, and the warm air welcomed us today for the first quarterly gathering of the year. Full of energy and good spirits, the students came to share their thoughts and experiences and to passionately discuss: What young people really want and what truly matters to them today. The discussion was lively and inspiring, filled with opinions, questions, and guidance from everyone present. Students were keen to speak openly, exchange ideas, and feel heard.



Nela: For young people, what matters most is the freedom to choose what they want to do and the opportunities to pursue their passions. Technology gives them quick access to information and keeps them connected, but at the same time, it can create unrealistic expectations about life and people. In relationships, real life is more complicated than what appears online. Relationships require patience, effort, and honesty, and young people are beginning to understand that good things don't come without time and commitment. Balancing online and real-life experiences and building genuine relationships are what truly matter.

Mihai: Our life is full of beauty and light, and it is the best time for us to invest in ourselves. We want to learn new things, stay active, take care of our health, and plan our future. We want to learn more about money management, and to travel and explore life.

Ana: Young people today primarily want to live more easily and with less stress. They want money to manage their needs, but also free time for themselves—to go out, have fun, or simply enjoy life. Being accepted as they are, without constant judgment or comparison to others, matters a lot to them. At the same time, even if they don't say it directly, many seek stability and a secure future, although the path to get there is not always simple.

Marina: Teenagers truly want to be understood and respected by others, they want opportunities to study and build a better future, and they also dream about having a happy life and achieving their goals.

Dan: For me personally, the most important thing is to do what we love and what benefits society, to work as much as we can, but not to forget to enjoy quality time with our loved ones.”

Alina: Nowadays, stability is very important for young people—emotionally, financially, and socially. Each of us wants to feel safe and achieve positive results in the field we are studying or working in.

Vera: For me, as a young person, it is very important to guard my heart, because from it flows the spring of life, and this protection means following God. It is also important to focus on my studies, as this is the period when I am shaping myself as a person, and the investment I make and the activities I engage in—those that help me grow—matter a lot.

Claudiu: Young people want to succeed in life. They want to achieve their goals and have a good future. At the same time, they enjoy parties and having fun.

Valeria: Young people today want support in what they do. They need people who encourage them and believe in their ideas. When they are supported, they gain more self-confidence and the courage to follow their dreams. Support from family, teachers, and friends is essential for their development.

Cristina: I want to live beautifully. I want sincere relationships and peace in my soul.”

Ludmila: As a young person in today’s world, I strongly desire to feel accepted and valued for who I am. I want to belong to a group where I am understood, respected, and appreciated. Whether it is among friends, classmates, or family, the feeling of belonging helps me develop confidence and emotional stability. When I feel rejected or misunderstood, it can lead to loneliness and insecurity. That is why I look for communities where I can feel safe, supported, and truly accepted.

Victoria Dogot: Young people want to be understood and respected by those around them, to have the freedom to follow their dreams, and the chance to build a beautiful future.

Ionela: Support from those around plays a very important role. It motivates a young person to achieve their goals and helps them become more confident and courageous.

Lidiana: For students, it truly matters to have real opportunities for development, support from teachers, and an environment where they feel understood. They want quality education, equal opportunities, practical experiences, and the assurance that their efforts will have meaning in the future.

Ina: I think that students aim to accumulate practical knowledge for the career they want. They seek a well-paid job that helps them build a secure future, a home, and a family. They also want to live in a peaceful and democratic society.

Diana: For a young person, it is important not to be defined by numbers on social media, even though everyone seems caught up in the rush of digitalization and validation through likes. What truly matters is using this space with purpose and aiming to contribute to a better, more aware, and more authentic society.

Arina: Young people want to be understood and listened to. They seek the freedom to express their ideas and to build their own future. They also desire opportunities for development and support from society.

Victoria: In my opinion, what truly matters for young people today is to discover who they truly are. Most young people tend to study what their parents want or work in a place they do not really desire. A young person who discovers and understands themselves from an early age can experience true happiness throughout their life.

Kristina: Young people today, unfortunately, often seem to focus mainly on material values, such as wealth, recognition, and social appreciation. However, all of this stems from a deeper desire to feel stability and security in the complicated times we live in, as well as the wish to be independent. And what matters most is the ability to secure your own future independently.

In the end, what really matters to young people goes beyond grades, social media, or material success. It is about being understood, feeling supported, discovering themselves, and having the freedom to follow their passions.