Application – Scholarship at Hamburg University

My name is Arianna Scroccaro and I’m a 21-year-old Italian student. Next July I’m going to complete my Bachelor studies at the University of Bologna, where I’m now studying Translation and Interpreting. That’s why I am seeking for new exciting opportunities to get involved into, in order to improve my skills and general knowledge before applying for a Master programme.

Since when I was 14 years old, I have always been focused on studying foreign languages and developing my communication skills. In high school I not only kept on learning English, but also took up German and Russian. I have always been a passionate, working hard student, and I took every chance I could to test and improve what I had learned by travelling or attending language courses.

At some point, I started offering myself to cooperate with webzines or local organisations, asking to translate for them brief articles or parts of websites, and got also into subtitling. This experience definitely increased my enthusiasm and prompt me to continue my studies in this particular field.

I have always thought that no one will ever be really able to master a foreign language, if they are not ready to leave and spend some time in the country, where that particular language is spoken. Therefore, while studying at university, I applied for several scholarships, which allowed me to spend last year winter semester studying in Slovakia, and this year winter semester improving my Russian in Moscow. But I also never wanted to forget German completely, so I continued studying it on my own or attending language courses. And then I read about the scholarship you offer.

I have already been in Germany several times, but never in Hamburg. It is known as one of the most interesting and important city in the country, so I am perfectly sure the opportunity of spending five months there will be a great cultural and personal enrichment. Not to mention that, having the chance of attending language courses, my communication skills will certainly be improved.

These are the reasons why I hope you will take my application under consideration.