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## Family of BU student killed in Marathon bombings gives 5 spots in this year's race to BU community

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The family of Lu Lingzi, the Boston University student killed in the Boston Marathon bombings, has given five spots for runners in this year's race to members of the BU community, campus officials said.



(Photo courtesy of Menghan Hu)

Lu Lingzi

"BU is dear to our heart," Lingzi's aunt Helen Zhao said, according to the school's news website [BU Today](#). "The family wants to continue to support BU and Lingzi's scholarship, hoping more students can benefit from it to pursue their dreams."

The honorary spots are exempt from the marathon's usual requirements: runners do not have to meet a qualifying time, nor do they have to hit a fundraising minimum, BU said.

But, any money raised will go to the Lu Lingzi Scholarship Fund. More than \$1 million has already been raised for the fund, which awards two graduate students with an annual stipend and full tuition for up to two years, the university said.


The spots will be open to any members of the university community, including students, staff, faculty, or alumni.

The university asked that anyone interested in running electronically submit a brief written statement or video "describing what running the marathon in honor of Lu would mean to them."

Submissions are due by the end of the day Friday, Feb. 7. The university will pick five winners soon after. To enter, [click here](#).

"Throughout my interactions with them, this family has shown me what grace is all about," said dean of students Kenneth Elmore. "For them to think of us during their

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time of sadness and sorrow, and to give the people in this community the chance to show their support in such a spectacular way, we should be humbled and honored.”

The family received 10 other spots in this year's race from the Boston Athletic Association. Zhao told the university the other 10 spots will be given to people chosen by the family.

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