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The purposes of this research were to study and rank the reasons for furthering education of students in the Democratization of Lower Secondary Education Project. The questionnaires and interview forms constructed by the researcher were used as the research instruments. The collected data were analyzed by means of frequency distribution, percentage, arithmatic mean, standard deviation and ANOVA test

## Findings

- 1. The reasons for furthering education in the secondary schools of students in the Democratization of Lower Secondary education Project could be ranked respectively as follows: progress, interest and aptitude, personal needs, process of education, reputation and prestige, economic and social reasons and necessity.
- 2. Students whose fathers' income more than 3,000 baht give reasons for furthering education on reputation and prestige higher than students whose fathers' income less than 1,000 baht. ( $P \le .05$ )
- 3. Students whose mothers' income 1,000-3,000 baht give reasons for furthering education on reputation and prestige higher than students whose mothers' income less than 1,000 baht. (P < .05)
- 4. Students whose mothers' income more than 3,000 baht give reasons for furthering education on personal needs higher than students whose mothers' income 1,000-3,000 baht and less than 1,000 baht (P < .05)
- 5. Students whose mothers' income less than 1,000 baht give reasons for furthering education on economic and social reasons higher than students whose mothers' income more than 3,000 baht. ( $P \le .05$ )
- 6. Students who have uneducated fathers have reasons for furthering education on economic and social reasons higher than students whose fathers graduated with Bachelor degree. (P < .05)