

Welcome to our special presentation, where we have the privilege of sharing the essays of the scholarship recipients who are part of our program. Through these words written with sincerity and passion, we will have the opportunity to learn more about the life experiences, dreams, and challenges faced by these talented young individuals.

In this session, we will immerse ourselves in the personal narratives of our scholarship recipients, exploring their unique stories and the motivations that drive them to pursue their academic and professional goals. From moments of adversity to the most significant triumphs, each essay offers us a glimpse into the inner world of these inspiring individuals.

Join us as we highlight the courage, determination, and resilience that characterize our scholarship recipients, and let's celebrate together the positive impact they have on their communities and the world around them.

Let's embark on this exciting journey through the essays of the scholarship recipients and discover the powerful stories they have to share!



Hello everyone! My name is Iram Ernesto Lerma Partida, and I am 20 years old. I hope you are having a day filled with hope and possibilities. I want to share with you my journey, filled with challenges, determination, and a deep love for making the world a better place.

I was born on a sunny Friday, October 3, 2003. I come from a close-knit family, although we have faced our own battles. From a young age, I learned the value of unconditional love and sacrifice by watching my parents and sister strive for a better future for all of us.



My sister, initially dreaming of becoming an engineer, found her true passion in education. Her dedication and love for teaching have inspired me to cherish every opportunity for learning and growth. Despite the challenges we face as a family, her strength and resilience have kept us united and focused on our dreams.

The one in charge of managing all this has always been my mother, the woman who inspires me every day to be so much better. She has given her soul and life for her children, sacrificing her comfort and peace to ensure our happiness. In 2012, she began working as a teacher at a Catholic school, where she decided to transfer me to escape the bullying I experienced at my previous school. Given our economic situation, my mother sacrificed part of her salary to cover my tuition fees. Thanks to my dedication, I received a full scholarship for my fifth year, allowing my mother to receive her full salary and alleviate our financial situation. Her love and sacrifice are a constant source of inspiration for me.

Despite the economic challenges we have faced, my determination to move forward has never wavered. I have worked tirelessly to pay for my studies and forge my path in life. My dream of becoming a father and positively contributing to society drives me to strive every day, seeking opportunities to make a difference in the world around me.

My faith in God and my experience as an altar server have taught me the value of service and compassion. Every step I take is guided by the desire to help others and be a light in the midst of darkness.

I have joined the community of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, where I see my values and life vision reflected. Their commitment to service and social justice inspires me to move forward and pursue my dreams with courage and determination.

Today, I am studying Business Management Engineering, a career that will allow me to positively contribute to society and help those who need it most.

I deeply appreciate the support and generosity of those who have believed in me and my potential. Your trust and support propel me to overcome obstacles and pursue my dreams with passion and determination.

Thank you for being part of my journey and for believing in the power of dreams. Together, we can make the world a better place, full of hope, opportunities, and unconditional love.

With gratitude and determination,
Iram Ernesto Lerma Partida



In the vibrant city of Tijuana, lives Rogelio Quintero, a 21-year-old young man who has faced adversities from an early age. In his home, consisting of four people, he is one of the three financial pillars supporting daily responsibilities.



Challenges are constant. Every day, Rogelio rises with firm determination to excel in all aspects of his life: work, study, home, and community. This tireless pursuit of improvement is a flame that lights his path, even when darkness threatens to envelop him.

The events that have marked his life are a mixture of lights and shadows. When he was barely in fifth grade, his father was imprisoned, forcing Rogelio to assume roles that no child should face. Taking care of his younger siblings, working from a young age, and facing school bullying due to family absences were just some of the challenges he had to overcome.

However, from negative experiences emerged unexpected personal growth. He learned to deal with loneliness and anxiety, finding refuge in the church. Through faith, he discovered an inner strength that helped him overcome his personal struggles, even seeking professional help to face his internal battles.

His achievements are a testimony to his inner strength. From overcoming tough times to achieving his goals in sports, Rogelio has stood out on his path to success. However, his greatest pride lies in seeing his siblings move forward, even as he sacrificed his own happiness for theirs.

With the support of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Rogelio seeks an opportunity to obtain a scholarship that will allow him to complete his university studies in Software Development Engineering. His burning desire is to continue his education and reach new heights, not only for himself, but also for his family and community.

Rogelio's life is a story of resilience, faith, and perseverance. Every challenge has been an opportunity to grow, every obstacle a stepping stone toward overcoming. Now, Rogelio looks to the future with determination, knowing that the support of others can make the difference between struggle and triumph.

Let me share the story of Rebeca Berrelleza Castro, a young woman whose life is rooted in service to her community and love for her family. Rebeca, a dedicated daughter, finds her purpose in serving others, a value she learned from her father, who has been a constant source of support and guidance in her life.



Rebeca lives with her father, the primary figure in their home, following a family history marked by the absence of her mother. The sad reality is that her mother struggled with addiction issues, which led Rebeca to separate from her to preserve her own well-being and stability.

Alongside her father, they face the challenges of daily life, including the anemia Rebeca has been dealing with recently. Despite health and financial difficulties, Rebeca remains steadfast in her determination to overcome the obstacles that come her way.

Service in the church has been an integral part of Rebeca's life from a young age. For many years, she has dedicated her time and energy to helping others, finding deep connection with her faith and community through it. One of the most impactful moments for Rebeca was during last year's holiday season, when she participated in distributing toys to needy children. Seeing the joy on those children's faces and the gratitude in their parents' eyes reinforced her commitment to service and generosity.

Through service, Rebeca has learned valuable lessons about the importance of giving and sharing with others. Every smile, every hug, and every word of thanks propels her forward, despite the challenges she may face along the way. Her dedication to service is a tangible expression of her faith and commitment to making the world a better place.



At the heart of Rebeca's story is her devotion to her family and community, as well as her steadfast belief in the transformative power of service. As she continues on her journey, Rebeca remains a beacon of hope and an inspiring example for all who have the privilege of knowing her. Her story is a reminder that even in the darkest moments, love, and service can illuminate the path to a brighter and more meaningful future.

Dear Haddad, Patty, and Ghassan,

I hope this letter finds you in excellent spirits. My name is Rocío, and first and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the invaluable support you have provided me. Thanks to your generosity, I have been able to tackle academic challenges with greater determination and confidence.

The financial assistance you have provided has been pivotal in my academic journey. With it, I have been able to cover the costs of the

university semester, acquire tools like a laminator and other essentials crucial to my education. Moreover, it has enabled me to participate in university events and activities, broadening my horizons and strengthening my connection with the student community.



However, I want to share with you the challenges my family and I have faced in recent weeks. The city of Tijuana has experienced heavy rains, and unfortunately, we live near a stream that becomes a dangerous torrent when it rains heavily. This stream, used by some people as a dumping ground for garbage, overflowed on January 22 due to intense precipitation, completely flooding our house.

The tragedy we faced has left us speechless. We lost virtually everything: furniture, appliances, important documents, and even personal items of great sentimental value. The house was severely damaged, with rotting wood, broken walls, and a damp smell that seems impossible to eradicate.



The struggle to channel the stream has been a constant challenge. Despite the efforts of my family and neighbors, the authorities seem unwilling to acknowledge the problem. This situation has deeply affected our emotional stability and our hope for the future.

Nevertheless, I remain steadfast in my dreams and goals. Though adversity has struck hard, I am determined to forge ahead and overcome these obstacles. Your support and generosity are a source of inspiration that propels me to persevere even in the most challenging times.

I want you to know that your assistance has made a significant difference in my life and that of my family. I am eternally grateful for your kindness and your commitment to my education.

With heartfelt gratitude and renewed hope,

Rocío

