



Scholarship Response



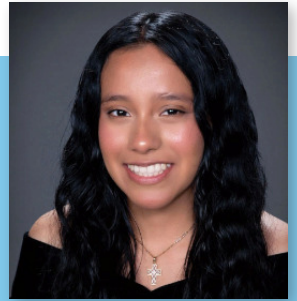
I've always dreamed about pursuing an Agriculture major, and obtaining this scholarship will help me achieve that dream. I want to return to my hometown so I can help provide safe produce from our local fields to my community. Being

awarded this scholarship has shown me that there are people who are willing to provide me with their trust and funds to help me achieve my educational goals.

– **Colton Matthew Sanchez, CSU Chico**

Both of my parents work seasonally in the strawberry fields and neither of them had the opportunity to complete their education. My parents have given up everything so I could have what they did not. To thank my parents and the community that has raised me, I will be working towards a degree in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology and I hope to return to Salinas as a family medicine physician.

– **Estrella Magaly Jasson Aparicio, UC Santa Cruz**



Receiving this scholarship has not only relieved a financial burden on my family and me but has also given multiple first-generation students hope. My journey to college was not the easiest, from COVID taking over my freshman year, to seeing my parents struggle daily to pay

for the necessities for my siblings and me. I plan to major in Environmental Science and Management and return to my hometown of Greenfield and mentor students who had a similar journey to mine.

– **Briana Elizabeth Campos Quintanilla, Cal Poly Humboldt**



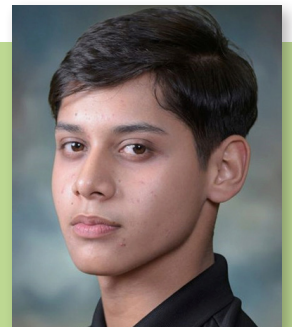
This scholarship puts me one step closer to achieving my academic goals, as well as creating a better life for my family. Your support means everything to me, and I am determined to make the most of this chance. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me on my path.

– **Emmanuel Mauro-Perez, CSU Monterey Bay**



I come from a low-income family that cannot pay enough to cover school expenses. My mother is a farmworker and I depend on her financially since she wants me to continue with my studies to make my dreams come true. Thank you so much for this great opportunity. The emotion and gratitude I have towards you is inexplicable. My drive to continue with my dreams persists thanks to the opportunity you gave me.

– **Issac Gutierrez Jiminez, Hartnell College**





My family is low-income and receiving financial aid is an extraordinary help to me. I truly appreciate being a scholarship recipient. I truly believe that going to college will transform my life. People and organizations like you who help others to attain higher education are truly commendable. You are helping to educate the next generation, which will in turn improve society as a whole.

– Isabel Ceron, UC Berkeley

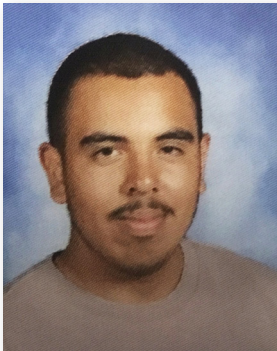


Thank you for believing in my potential and for your generosity towards my undergraduate studies. My mission as a future Harvard alum is to see my hometown, Salinas, grow out of the stigma of violence and bloom to be recognized as a sanctuary for immigrants whose hard work and labor make it a leading city in agriculture, beyond a national level. Thank you for making this possible!

– Audrey Cardoso, Harvard University

Receiving this scholarship means the world to me. It not only alleviates the financial burden of my education but also serves as a profound source of motivation and encouragement. Your generosity has inspired me to work even harder and strive for excellence in all of my endeavors. I am determined to make the most of this opportunity and give back to the community in the future. I aspire to be a role model for my family and loved ones. I want to show my siblings that they too can achieve great things. Thank you for your support and belief in my potential.

– Axel Uriel Martinez Sanchez



I want to say from the bottom of my heart that I am so thankful I am receiving this scholarship to help me with the costs of college! I was raised by a single mother and have great financial need. This scholarship serves as a beacon of hope for me, and it is

a reminder that my hard work has paid off. I hope to make you all proud and show that your money went to a good cause.

– Nathan Samuel Hernandez, CSU San Jose



As a first-generation and low-income college student, receiving this scholarship provides me with a stable sense of financial security. I was overcome with emotions

when I received the notification that I was selected for the scholarship. I felt accomplished and that my hard work had finally paid off. I am excited to pursue the next level of education. Thank you so much for this opportunity!

– Makhaila Elyzabeth Porter, UC Irvine