



Scholarship Response



"I am forever grateful and this scholarship will help to cover the cost of living and fees at my university. I will be attending UCLA this fall where I will be studying public affairs. My goal is to major in public affairs and minor in communications

and possibly business. I hope to then get my master's in public affairs in hopes of coming back to my small town of Gonzales to work in city government."

– Aidan Cervantes, UCLA

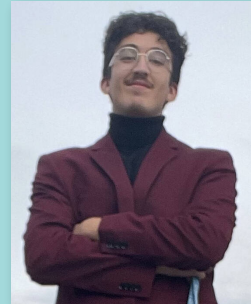
"As a first-generation student, I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this scholarship, and I am extremely appreciative of your support. Growing up in a less privileged community has not only presented me with financial and academic problems, but it has also taught me the significance of a college degree. With your support I will be able to continue my education journey at a better financial position. I am truly grateful for the scholarship support. This scholarship will allow me to work less hours and devote more time to my studies and other educational pursuits."

– Yessica Ornelas, UC Irvine



"The scholarship means a lot to me because it helps me continue on my studies and I am very grateful for the help."

– Moises Eduardo Mexicano Hernandez,
Monterey Peninsula College



"I am very thankful for this scholarship opportunity because it will help me achieve my career goals and future endeavors. At San Jose State University, I hope to major in Business Administration. I hope to return to my community and help migrant students, just like me, by setting an example that "Si Se Puede!" ("Yes you can!"). I want to build up a business, create jobs and help the youth with community hours and activities. Ultimately with the profit that I make from my business I want to give back to my community to maintain and create more services and opportunities such as scholarships for students. This award not only means the world to me, but also to my family. As a first generation student from once immigrant parents, I feel like I can make my parents proud for all of their sacrifice."

– Erwin Marquez, San Jose State University





"First and foremost I'd like to thank you all for this opportunity. This means so much to me. Covid hit my family so hard this past year. Covid not only affected us financially, but emotionally, physically and mentally. This scholarship is going to help me so much achieve my dreams of getting my bachelor's degree in Technology Information Management and change the world with new ideas. I honestly am so thankful for this opportunity and in the future I hope to look back wherever I am and thank the people that helped make my dreams come true like you have. Thank you."

– **Jasmin Jeannette Tope-Lopez, UC Santa Cruz**



"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the College Futures Monterey County Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to feel more financially secure and confident in going to a four-year university. As

a first-generation student to parents of migrant farmworkers, this opportunity is greatly appreciated by me and my family."

– **Jay Zavala-Albor, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo**

"Thank you for your generosity in providing funds for this scholarship that gives students from low-income backgrounds the opportunity to receive an education without constantly worrying about their financial situation. I am sincerely honored to be one of this year's recipients. Growing up, my parents tried so hard to ensure that I received a quality education. They would work tirelessly throughout the day, trying to afford to pay off their children's tuition through any means possible, and I could not do anything to help them. Hearing that I am going to receive a scholarship would surely help fill them with joy."



– **Kiriratanak Vong, Hartnell College**



"Thank you. It means the world to me that I was accepted into the Foundation Community scholarship and given an opportunity that others were either unable to or could not receive. As a low-income first-generation student approaching my first year of college at CSUMB, it fills me with both joy and gratitude to know that there are programs out there that are able to aid people such as myself who have encountered or had similar dilemmas regarding personal, economic, or mental complications, while still being able to balance out their social and school life."

– **Chase Shane Castillo-Fousek, CSUMB**