

Dear Claudia & Christopher Shea,

I'm writing this letter to let you know a little bit about me and so you know how thankful I am for this support.



I'm so glad to be considered the winner of this scholarship; you have no idea of how significant this will be in my life. I've heard a lot about your parents, if you get to see them soon please express them my gratitude. I'd like to keep in touch with you, because I think that's what this program is about more than just money. Also this will help me a lot with my English writing skills (sorry for the mistakes). I'm looking forward to one day meet you in person and share with you all my gratitude and crazy thoughts.

Well, I'll let you know about me and my story, my email is at the end of this letter.

My name is Daniela Perez-Campos. I'm 18 years old and I was born in Newnan, Georgia. My story in Niños began 6 years ago when I was going to start seventh grade. They assigned me to my sponsors Emily and Stan Karhoff, and from that moment my life changed completely. My family is made up of 5 members, my mom's name is Leticia, my dad's name is José Antonio, my older sister's name is Mayra and my younger sister's name is Ximena. My dad works in a workshop where they make windows, mirrors and that kind of stuff. My mother doesn't work but on certain days of the week she bakes some bread to sell and help a little with the family expenses.

I finished high school with a final grade of 9.6, I remember that when I started high school my goal was to finish it with a good grade to be able to obtain a special scholarship since the career I want to study is not in any university nearby, which meant having to move to another city where there was one. Now I'm glad to be considered a winner of this scholarship. Currently I'm studying my College studies; the major I chose is Biochemical Engineering. I took an exam in Guadalajara and Morelia and luckily I was accepted in both, but I had to make a decision, so I chose Morelia because of its proximity and costs.

For now my goal is to finish my degree because I know how difficult it is and even more when I know that I have to leave my family and live alone. I dream of being someone very important one day and I have never had a desire for money, but if I had the possibility of being financially stable one day, I would like to help others since apart from the opportunity to study, this program helped me to pay my English lessons and my two Cambridge certifications, without Niños it wouldn't have been possible and it is thanks to this fact that I felt that many doors were opened for me, such as being a teacher at Miss Stella's school and working with José Bustos at helping others. All this thanks to God, the foundation and people who are willing to help others without knowing us.

I hope to finish my university studies and my goal for now for when that time comes is to study a master's degree in the USA or in another country to be able to work and develop professionally. Maybe I will or maybe not, but if I have learned something, it is that nothing is impossible even if it seems so.

During this time that I've worked with José, apart from discovering the incredible person he is, I discovered the importance of a second language and the reason for the insistence for us to learn.

I end my letter expressing my deep gratitude to the Foundation, José, my sponsors and especially to you for the opportunity you are giving me to be a better person and for giving me the necessary motivation to study and never stop following my dreams. THANK YOU.

Sincerely, Dany

