My name is Ximena, I am 18 years old. I was born in Atlanta, Georgia. There are 5 members in my family, my mom Leticia, my dad Jose

Antonio, my oldest sister Mayra, my middle sister Daniela, and me.

I got in ninos 5 years ago, and my sponsors are David and Danna Sheahen. They have been supporting me ever since, that is why I am so grateful with ninos. Thanks to them I learned english, which has been something really important to me, I already did two Cambridge certifications, and none of this wouldn't have been possible without them.

I just finished high school with a final grade of 9.4, and now my next goal is going to college. The major I chose to study is industrial engineering. I didn't have many choices for school, because the degree I want it's not in many schools, and the nearest one is in Morelia, that's why I chose there, besides my sister attends to that school, and it also would be easier if we both live together. Last week I took the exam to get in, and I got the result a few days ago, and luckily I did get in, so I'm going to be moving out with her when the school year starts.

About my plans after finishing college is going to study a master degree in the USA, so it would be easier for me to settle in there, getting a job, and therefore I could help my family, and maybe someday, I can help in Ninos Adelante just the same way my sponsors did with me.

I'm so grateful for being a candidate for the special scholarship this year, I always remember my mom pushing me on getting good grades ever since I started high school, so I could finish with good grades, and hopefully I could get a special scholarship for college. I will always be so thankful with Ninos Adelante for everything they have given me.

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