

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

for students at the FRAY CASIMIRO CYPHER INSTITUTE - 2023



INTRODUCTION

Many students in Honduras are struggling to finish high school and to learn what they need to get better opportunities in life. The government provides free education to children 6 to 15 years old. The lack of public schools and high enrollment fees, school uniforms and transportation costs prevent many students from completing even their elementary education. Private education is a privilege for few families. The poverty ratio includes 60% of the population, in many situations the children must quit school to work when they are very young to help support the family.

The educational curriculum in Honduras' public schools provides very poor academic skills to the students. The few who graduate from high school have not been provided with the necessary civic, technical, or business knowledge, leaving them with lack of self-confidence needed to survive or get ahead in the poor economy of Honduras. Substantial changes need to be made to face this situation, even when nobody else is interested in helping this population to get out of this cycle. At Fray Casimiro Institute, the goal is to go beyond what public education offers by training to provide the students with a better attitude, technical skills, and business abilities, reinforcing a positive attitude among students and providing the support of both the academic and technical education. Ideally, the students will be prepared to get a job or to start their own business after graduation.

GOALS

The purpose of this program is to improve the students and their family's quality of life by offering them the opportunity to gain a qualified education. We will accomplish this by providing academic, scientific, technical, ethic and civic skills to become better citizens.

The program will strive to increase parent involvement in the education of their children. The scholarship is not offered as "charity", parents must contribute in some form towards the cost. These shared costs approach ensures parents and students' commitment to their education, their understanding the importance of attending classes on a regular basis, studying at home, following the behavior criteria, and making the necessary effort to get grades needed to be promoted to the next school grade.

As a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to cultivate a special relationship with your student by corresponding several times per school year, encouraging them in their studies. When you sponsor a child or youth, you will: ***Live out the Gospel call to walk in solidarity with those in need, partner with an individual across geographic and economic divides and offer ongoing financial support and the opportunity for a better life.***

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SELECTION CRITERIA

The staff at the Institute, teachers and local authorities will select students for a full or half scholarship. They will be awarded **ONLY** to students enrolled at the Fray Casimiro Institute as follows:

- **Financial needs** - families surviving with the minimum salary or less or large families and parents' commitment to support their kids
- **Academic achievement** - Average grades of A or B and good discipline or behavior
- **Leadership skills** - Students commitment with community development

STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All selected students are required to take advantage of this opportunity by attending their classes, completing all their work assignments, and giving their best performance at school.
2. Students are required to **sign an agreement committing to give back** by doing 6 to 12 hours per week of community service at the Institute on maintenance; by participating on a work-study program on any of the existing small business at the Institute; by tutoring their peers, one or two days per week at the Institute or at their communities; or by doing community service on other community projects for those students, who live far from the institute.
3. Students will write several letters to sponsors during the year to share information of their progress and to promote a closer relationship.

FAMILY ACCOUNTABILITY

Wilson and staff will hold parents and students' meetings in January, March, June and September to provide general information, to plan community service activities, for team group building, to monitor the program's progress and to provide feedback to sponsors. They will have a final evaluation and celebration at the end of the school year in December.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATOR

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COSTS

Be assured that 100% of your donation benefits the students. The scholarships will cover **monthly tuition payment, textbooks, uniforms, and it will provide transportation subsidies** for each selected student. The students attend school 10 months per year, February to November.

There are two types of scholarship:

- ❖ a half scholarship for a student at the Bilingual school is \$450 and
- ❖ a full scholarship for a student at the Technical Institute is \$300

50% Academic scholarship of a student at the Good Shepherd Bilingual School K – 7th grade

DESCRIPTION	COST in LEMP	COST in USD
Tuition	7,500.00	\$ 300.00
Textbooks	2,000.00	\$ 80.00
Uniforms and transportation aid	1,750.00	\$ 70.00
TOTAL	Lemp 11,250.00	\$450.00

Academic or technical scholarship for a student at the Technical Institute.

DESCRIPTION	COST in LEMP	COST in USD
Tuition	4,000.00	\$160.00
Textbooks	2,250.00	\$90.00
Uniforms and transportation aid	1,250.00	\$50.00
TOTAL	Lemp 7,500.00	\$300.00

The annual scholarship can be paid once a year or monthly.

If you choose to pay **once a year** you may write a check to Good Shepherd and drop it off at the front desk or pay online at www.gscs.net via Faith Direct by clicking on the tab **One Time Gift**. **Please reference "HONDURAS SCHOLARSHIP" in the Note box. Please send payment at your earliest convenience.**

If you choose to make **monthly payments**, you can set it up online via Faith Direct on the **Honduras Scholarships** (monthly) tab.