



Good News Los Padres Scholarship Winners

In their own words . . .

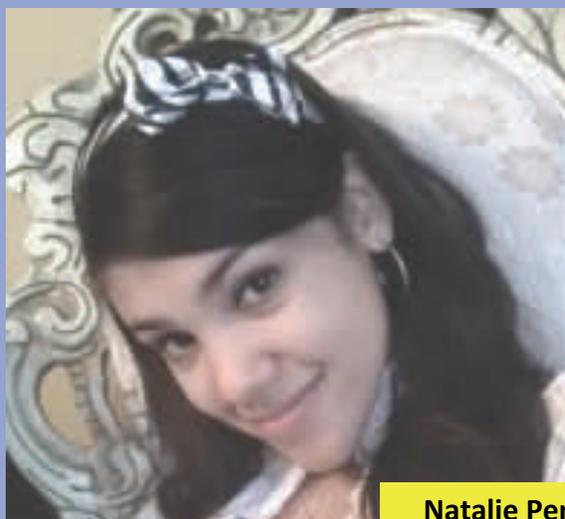
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I realized too quickly that the amount of money available for prospective college students this year had narrowed dramatically. When I first heard of the [Los Padres Scholarship](#), I learned that it was aimed at helping the Hispanic minority group in fulfilling a college education, and I found it strange but pleasant that being a minority sometimes comes with its advantages. My Hispanic values and Spanish heritage are things I've always embraced and this scholarship gave me a chance to do just that. It was also satisfying to find out that all the hard work and dedication I invested in school was



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now being acknowledged. Realizing that I was a good candidate for the Los Padres Foundation was the first step. Afterwards, everything else fell into place. I think the key to scholarships or the reason to why I received the award, was because I showed them my true self, whether it was through my essay or interview. I've come to understand that there is a scholarship out there for everyone and that with a little work on their part, the results can be very rewarding. This scholarship is incredibly significant to me because of what it stands for and for what it will accomplish for other Hispanics who are struggling. Not only have I received aid for my future education but I have also become a part of the Los Padres family.



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Experiences shape our lives, they influence what we do and what we want to achieve in life. My parents came to America from the Dominican Republic in search of opportunities for their children. Becoming a los padres scholar has given me the motivation to continue to exceed in school. Winning this award makes me feel proud of my heritage. My fellow "paisanos" and I have come to this land for the same reason, in search of the American Dream and thanks to the los padres foundation I'm one step closer to achieving it.