



2015 Scholarship Recipients (12 Awarded - \$4000 each)



Carla Aranda
Notre Dame Preparatory

A student at *Notre Dame Preparatory School*, *Carla Aranda* has earned a 3.0 GPA.

“Her achievements in school can be directly attributed to her desire to learn and her ambition towards life after high school,” Carla’s counselor wrote in his recommendation. “Whether it’s the multitude of sports she has played here, or her involvement in theater, color guard, or choir, you can count on Carla for having poured her heart and soul into it.”

In addition to her studies, Carla maintains a part time job. After graduation, Carla plans on attending Michigan State University where she will study psychology.



Diego Barajas-Diaz
Detroit Cristo Rey
High School

Diego Barajas-Diaz plans to study supply chain management at Michigan State University.

“I am eager to achieve this goal for myself and to set an example for my younger relatives to follow,” Diego wrote in an application essay.

A student at *Detroit Cristo Rey High School*, Diego has earned a 2.75 GPA.

“It has truly been a pleasure to have Diego as a student because he is a model of consistency for other students, and he has the desire and the drive to improve himself through his education,” Diego’s teacher wrote in his recommendation letter, “I have no doubt that he will be successful in college and beyond.”



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Paloma Barba
Cesar Chavez Academy
High School

“Paloma is a standout student,” *Paloma Barba’s* teacher wrote in her recommendation.

Paloma, a student at *Cesar Chavez Academy High School*, has earned a 2.97 GPA while taking multiple honor classes and maintaining a part time job.

“I know that all this will be worth it one day,” Paloma said in one of her application essays.

After she graduates, Paloma plans to study criminal justice at Saginaw State University.



David Jimenez-Vallejo
De La Salle Collegiate
High School

“As far back as I can remember, I made myself a promise that I would always perform my best using the values my parents taught me, and remain on the path to success and goodness,” *David Jimenez-Vallejo* wrote in one of his application essays.

In addition to earning a 4.28 GPA at *De La Salle Collegiate High School*, David volunteers his time as a teen mentor at La Sed.

“David is a phenomenal student and an even better person,” David’s coach wrote in his recommendation. “He is ambitious, courteous and conscientious.”

After graduating, David plans on attending Stanford University.



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Christopher Lara
Detroit Cristo Rey
High School

“After hearing about the hardships my parents faced in their lives, and knowing that education was the way out of that, I have been grinding and pushing myself to accomplish the most I possibly can in my educational career,” *Christopher Lara* wrote in an application essay.

Christopher Lara maintains a 3.78 GPA at *Detroit Cristo Rey High School*. In addition to his studies, Christopher volunteers his time as a community garden leader for Ideal Group and as a park volunteer for Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision. He also helps out at Holy Redeemer Church. After graduation, Christopher plans to go to Michigan State University to study Endocrinology.



Daniela Lupercio
Western International
High School

“I take pride in my language and culture,” *Daniela Lupercio* wrote in an application essay, “I am proud of who I am, and I know I will become something great in life. Being Hispanic has truly built me.”

Daniela attends *Western International High School* where she has earned a 3.44 GPA. In her spare time, Daniela helps out as a student advisor at the Neinas Dual Language Learning Academy.

Daniela plans to go to college after graduation where she will study to become a dental hygienist.



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Jacqueline Perez
Detroit Cristo Rey
High School

“I was influenced by many, by my upbringing, and my heritage to set my goals and have a set course to make those goals a reality,” *Jacqueline Perez*, a student at *Detroit Cristo Rey High School*, wrote in one of her application essays.

In addition to maintaining a 3.3 GPA, Jacqueline volunteers her time as a leader at General Motors’ Cadillac Urban Gardens, loading vehicles for Gleaners Community Food Bank, and as a program helper for Dollars for Scholars.

“I have always been motivated to change the perspective people have about my community by taking action and making an impact,” Jacqueline wrote.

After graduation, Jacqueline plans on continuing her studies at Oakland University where she will pursue a degree in Business.



Lucero Perez
Western International
High School

“Lucero is highly motivated and constantly challenges herself to improve,” *Lucero Perez’s* teacher wrote in her recommendation.

As a student at *Western International High School*, Lucero has earned a 4.26 GPA and ranks number one in her class of 378 students.

“I’m an individual who will never give up easily,” Lucero wrote in one of her application essays. “I’d like to make my parents proud, by taking advantage of the opportunity that I have of receiving a higher education.”

Lucero plans to attend the University of Michigan where she will major in Biochemistry.



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Leila Ramirez
Cesar Chavez Academy

“Leila ranks among the best and the brightest students that have passed through my classroom,” *Leila Ramirez’s* teacher wrote in her recommendation.

As a student at *Cesar Chavez Academy High School*, Leila has earned a 3.55 GPA and ranks 4th in her class of 131 students. In addition to her studies, Leila volunteers her time at St. Gabriel Church.

“Now that I’m older I realized that I was born to serve and not be served,” Leila wrote in one of her application essays. “For that very reason I help out in every way I can in church.”

After graduation, Leila plans to study medicine at the University of Michigan where she will work towards her goal of becoming an oncologist.



Lizbeth Ramos
Cesar Chavez Academy
High School

“Making my mother and father proud by getting a degree, achieving something they never could but always yearned for, has been my dream for ages,” *Lizbeth Ramos* wrote in her application essay, “I know I am capable of doing great things, as long as I try my hardest and believe.”

Lizbeth holds a 3.32 GPA at *Cesar Chavez Academy High School*. In addition, Lizbeth volunteers her time at Christian Life Ministries.

After graduation, Lizbeth plans to attend the University of Michigan where she will study medicine.



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Vianey Reyes
Cesar Chavez Academy
High School

Vianey Reyes attends *Cesar Chavez Academy High School* where she has taken multiple AP and honors courses and holds a 2.80 GPA.

“Vianey is a goal-oriented individual, who demonstrates intrinsic motivation to realize those goals,” Vianey Reyes’ teacher wrote in his recommendation.

In addition to her studies, Vianey volunteers her time at All Saints Church.

She plans to attend Wayne State University after graduation.



Jose Romo, Jr.
Cass Technical
High School

Jose Romo, Jr. has earned a 4.07 GPA while attending *Cass Technical High School*.

“He is dedicated and has the will to do what it takes to get the job done, overcoming obstacles and setbacks to successfully complete the task,” Jose’s teacher wrote in his recommendation. “He is a remarkable individual who is sure to be successful in his future endeavors.”

In addition to his studies, Jose completed an internship at Leona Group and has volunteered his time at St. Gabriel Church and Build-On.

After graduation, Jose plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Michigan.