

# **Scholarship Project Proposal 2014**

## **Tierra Nueva 2**

**Project Name:**

Scholarship program to support young men and women in their middle school or secondary academic education until they choose a field of study.

**Responsible Parties:**

Parents of the scholarship students and the sister parish committee in TN2.

**Address:**

Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Lote 1, Manzana B, Sector A-2, Tierra Nueva 2, Chinautla, Guatemala.

**Project Duration:**

Undefined; this proposal is for the year 2014.

**Geographic Area and Location:**

Marginalized settlement, Tierra Nueva 2, San Marcos Evangelista Parish. Tierra Nueva 2 is located in the municipality of Chinautla, west of Guatemala's capital city.

**Project Beneficiaries:**

6 young women and 6 young men who will participate January-October, 2014.

**Objectives:**

- a) **General goal** – To promote the education of our youth (in middle school and high school). This goal is also included in the common objectives outlined for our sister parish relationship.
- b) **Specific goals** – 1) To support young men and women recently graduated from sixth grade through middle school and high school; 2) To benefit young men and women from low-income families; 3) To support students throughout the year through monthly meetings at which we evaluate and report on the academic standing of each scholarship student; 4) To support spiritual growth and raise awareness through motivational and educational talks.

**Background:**

In January 2000, the scholarship program started with 6 students (4 young women and 2 young men). It was difficult without prior experience, but not impossible. The important

thing was to push the students and motivate them with the desire to overcome difficulties and, in this way, improve their family lives and socio-economic position.

**Scholarship Students 2013:**

1. Guiselle Natalie Rodriguez Diaz
2. Karen Yoselin Gerra Toribio
3. Yoselin Elizabeth Ramirez Chavez
4. Johana Patricia Ramirez Carreto
5. Ceilyn Anabel Sacol
6. Juan Carlos Ajpop Lopez
7. Cruz Eduardo Garcia Sic
8. Carlos Leonel Mejia Hernandez
9. Angel Estuardo Muñoz Yoc
10. Jefry Alexander Santos Alvarez
11. Javier Idelfonso Juarez Guzman
12. Cristian Wagner Revolorio Gomez

**Students Graduating in 2013:**

1. Guiselle Natalie Rodriguez Diaz
2. Angel Estuardo Muñoz Yoc
3. Jefry Alexander Santos Alvarez

For the year 2013, three additional scholarships were donated through Father Isidoro of the San Marcos Evangelista Parish in Tierra Nueva 1 and one additional scholarship was donated by former scholarship student Walter Quiroz.

**Justification – why this project is needed:**

In Guatemalan society, the majority of us live in poverty because we don't have access to dignified work or academic education. Because of this situation, we are subject to abuse, exploitation and marginalization.

**2013 Scholarship Project Board and Parent Commission:**

Coordinator	Eluvia Morales
Assistant Coordinator	Patricia Carreto
Secretary	Manuel Santos
Treasurer	Angel Muñoz
Member at large	Marta Yoc

The board is accompanied by one member of the sister parish committee.

### **2014 Scholarship Project Board and Parent Commission:**

Coordinator	Patricia Carreto
Assistant Coordinator	Catarina Lopez
Secretary	Alba Guzman
Treasurer	Moises Revolorio
Member at large	Francisca Hernandez
Member at large	Karen Gerra
Member at large	Johana Ramirez

### **Brief Project Description (eligibility):**

Scholarship students:

- Are committed to and participate in the church
- Live in low-income households
- Live in Tierra Nueva 2
- Hand in an application and proof of their enrollment in school (the original and copies are kept in files)
- Maintain an average of 70/100 in their grades and comply with other requirements

### **Project Details:**

The project will support 12 youth from middle school (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> year *basico*) through high school (*diversificado*).

The project budget is 24,000 *quetzales* per year, divided by 12 students and 10 monthly disbursements. Each youth receives 200 *quetzales* per month.

The monthly disbursements are given to the parents at a monthly meeting during which we read Bible reflections. Students are required to hand in their grades every few months so their academic standing can be evaluated. Parents and students are asked to participate in parish activities.

### Project Budget / January-October 2014

*Calculated with an exchange rate of \$1=Q7.5. Exchange rate fluctuates often.*

12 youth receiving Q200 per month	Q2,400	\$26/month
Q2,400 per month for 10 months	<b>Q24,000</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
+2% project fee for Sister Parish	<b>Q480</b>	<b>\$64</b>
<b>PROJECT TOTAL for 2014</b>	<b>Q24,480</b>	<b>\$3,264</b>

**Total requested from SJA for 12 students:       \$3,264**