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Thank you for your generous support and for helping students achieve a higher education.

En el 2004, el Consulado de México en Indianápolis creó el Fondo de Becas Mexicano con el fin de brindar mayor acceso a la educación superior a estudiantes de descendencia mexicana en Indiana.

**“La educación es la clave del “Sueño Americano”. Ola tras ola de inmigrantes, ha traído sangre fresca, nuevas ideas e innovación a esta tierra de oportunidades; pero sólo a través de la educación han podido aportar ese nuevo vigor a la economía la cultura y la sociedad.”**

– Sergio Aguilera, Cónsul de México en Indianápolis

El Fondo otorga becas a estudiantes que cumplen con los siguientes requisitos de elegibilidad:

- Demostrada capacidad académica (GPA de 3.3 o superior)
- Demostrada necesidad económica
- Ser de descendencia mexicana y residir en Indiana

En el 2005, el Fondo otorgó diez becas de \$2,000 dólares cada una, a estudiantes que desean realizar carreras que van desde Comunicaciones hasta Ingeniería Química. La mayoría de estos estudiantes son los primeros de su familia en ingresar a la universidad. Tener una carrera universitaria significa realizar el Sueño Americano de convertirse en ciudadanos productivos y exitosos.



El equipo de nado es una de las actividades extra-curriculares de Noe.

#### Noe Barragán

Ganador de una beca en el 2005

“Nací en México, en el estado de Puebla, en 1987. Vine a este país a los 12 años. Mis padres y yo venimos a los Estados Unidos porque deseábamos un

mejor futuro, y ellos querían que yo tuviera una carrera... En sólo cinco años pase de no hablar nada de Inglés a ser uno de los mejores estudiantes de mi clase que se graduó este año.

#### Retos que enfrentan los Estudiantes Mexicanos

Cada año, alrededor de de 39,000 estudiantes de descendencia mexicana terminan la preparatoria en los Estados Unidos. Casi una tercera parte de ellos, enfrenta obstáculos para realizar una carrera

universitaria por no tener un estatus migratorio, y el principal de ellos es que no son elegibles para recibir asistencia financiera.

Aun los nacidos en los Estados Unidos de padres indocumentados son considerados como estudiantes foráneos por universidades y colegios, lo que hace que las altas colegiaturas sean aún menos accesibles para ellos. En Indiana, cada año, entre 700 y 800 mexicanos, que se gradúan de la preparatoria enfrentan esta situación. Ante tal circunstancia, no es de extrañar que el 30 por ciento de los estudiantes Hispánicos inscritos en las preparatorias de Indiana deserten.

## Mexican Scholarship Fund



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The Mexican Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 by the Consulate of Mexico in Indianapolis seeking to improve access to higher education for Indiana students of Mexican descent.

**“Education is the key to the American dream. Wave after wave of immigrants have brought fresh blood, new ideas, and innovation to this land of opportunity, but it has been through their education that they have been able to add this new vigor to the economy, the culture, and society.”**

– Sergio Aguilera, Consul of Mexico in Indianapolis

The Fund awards scholarships to students who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Demonstrate academic promise (GPA of 3.3 or above)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Preference is given to students of Mexican descent residing in Indiana

In 2005, the Fund awarded ten scholarships of \$2,000 each to students who plan to pursue their dreams in careers ranging from communications to chemical engineering. Most of these students are the first in their family to attend a college or university. Going to college also means that they are realizing their families’ American dream to become successful, productive citizens.



### Noe Barragan

*2005 Scholarship Recipient, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis*

“I was born in Mexico in the state of Puebla in 1987. I came to this country five years ago at the age of 12 years. My parents and I came to this country because we wanted a better future and because they wanted me to have a career.... In only five years I have gone from not speaking any English to being one of the highest ranking seniors of my graduating class.”

### Challenges Facing Mexican Students

Every year, about 39,000 students of Mexican descent complete their high-school education in the U.S. About one-third of them face obstacles to pursue a college education due to lack of immigration status, but the main one is that they are not eligible to obtain financial assistance.

Even students born in the U.S., of undocumented parents, are considered by many higher-education institutions as out-of-state students, thus making their tuitions even less affordable. Annually, between 700 and 800 students of Mexican descent who graduate from Indiana high schools confront this situation. Under this situation, it is not surprising that the drop-out rate among Hispanics in high school is 30 percent.

Swim team is one of Noe’s extra-curricular activities.

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