



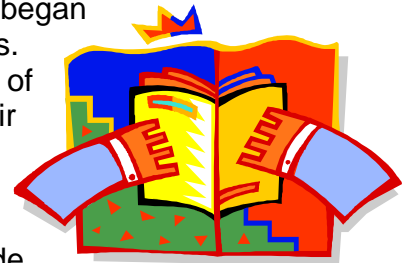
Los Héroes Scholarship Program Information

Who receives a Scholarship?

The scholarship recipients are selected by a board of directors in Los Héroes. The directors include Pastor Santiago, Deacon Francisco, and leaders from the community who hold various positions on the scholarship program board. Only one student per family may enter the program in a given year. (The families with multiple children in the program have entered them into the program over several years.) The program is need-based and also performance-based. Students must maintain good grades and read every day. Parents and students must attend mandatory meetings (2 per month for each group). Parents and students must participate in worship at the church or give back to the program if their classes conflict with worship (many university students study on Sundays). Both Pastor Santiago and Deacon Francisco have sons in the program.

What does a Scholarship Provide?

During the course of the year in 2010, the Salvadoran government began helping younger school students with supplies, uniforms and shoes. This has been a very big help to Salvadoran families. The majority of elementary and middle school students need to find funding for their gym uniform, gym shoes, backpack, extra notebooks and bus money. Some of the Los Héroes students walk to the community school; others take the bus to the school in the next town (20 cents each way). The scholarships which St. John's families provide help to cover these additional costs.



The Los Héroes Scholarship Program helps high school students to fund 2 uniforms, 2 pair of shoes, supplies and bus money, and university students to fund a monthly tuition fee, books and supplies, transportation (2 or 3 buses each way at 25 cents each ride) and a small stipend for lunch each day. Parents/older students pay a portion of their costs (about 10%, or more if they attend a more expensive school).

Where do the students study?

Younger and older students choose different schools based on safety, academic program and schedule (some schedules allow for students to work). The Los Héroes Scholarship Program includes an outreach component – a few students who live in neighboring communities are invited to participate and they attend schools in their neighborhoods. During the sister church visit in 2011, the delegation from St. John's was able to visit several of the students' schools and universities and the hope is to continue this tradition in 2012.



A New Idea Continues...

During 2011, the Los Héroes community funded 2 new students in the program by holding small sales and community events to raise money. This program was successful and will be repeated in 2012 so that two more new students can participate.