

Dear Gary and Jocelyn,

My name is Ricardo Hernandez Garcia I am eighteen years old, I was born here in Zihuatanejo, Gro. I currently live in the colony Primer Paso Cardenista fifteen minutes far from the Main beach. My mother's name is Maria Claudia Garcia Luviano she works as a housekeeper in a house in Ixtapa, my father's name is Richard Francisco Hernandez Navarrete he works as an electrician in a Hotel in Ixtapa, I have just one sister, her name is Isis Gissel Hernandez Garcia, she is youngest than me and she is studying the Junior High School, we live in my grandmother's house, her name is Marcelina Luviano Guillen.



I have been benefited with this special scholarship thanks to your donation to fulfill my dreams, it will be a great help to me and my parents to study in the University that I choose without problems and also can achieve my dream of finish my studies, and this is a big reason and motivation to keep working hard every day until achieve my goal of be a professional engineer.

I would like to tell you a little more about me and my experience taking part in the Foundation Niños Adelante, thanks to Mr. Jose Bustos I had the opportunity to enter to the foundation Niños Adelante four years ago, I am sponsored since 2016 from Thomas Taylor and Marcia Edison, since the moment I took part in the Family of Niños Adelante my live changed because apart from having the support of my parents and all my family I got more support from the foundation and my sponsors. Being in the foundation has helped me to achieve some of my goals as study, learn new things as a new language also meet many people who are friends who I can count every moment I need it. Also, thanks to the foundation I got opportunities as study the English Language, since I entered to the foundation, I start study English. Fortunately, the last year I got a certification in the level B1 of English, and Nowadays I keep preparing myself to get the next level of certification of English. The classes that I took helped me to improve my skills to write in English and I lost the fear to speak in English to some volunteer teachers who come here to Zihuatanejo on January or February each year.

Four months ago I finished the High School online, I study in the CONALEP (Colegio Nacional de Educacion Profesional Tecnica) in this High School I study the Technical Career of Industrial Electromechanics which is about in which we learn about the maintenance area within a company. During this time, I also study the baccalaureate of mathematical physics. I achieved my high school degree with a 9.6.

I am working hard to achieve my dream of be an Engineer when I finish my studies, I am so excited for study the University, because this is a big opportunity to keep preparing myself, get new knowledge, learn new things and meet new people, I am studying in the Universidad Tecnologica de la Costa Grande de Guerrero (UTCGG) which is located in Petatlan, Gro. I was accepted in this university where I will start to study the Technical Career of Automotive Mechanic, then when I finish that I could start to study the Metalworking Engineering, both career take four years to accomplish. I choose those careers because are related to the one I studied at High School and where I have learned to fix many things that we use every day in our live like electro domestics also to work with energy, in the Automotive Mechanic is a career where you learn about how motors works and principally how cars work, the other one is more involve in the machines and the work process in industries.

Other reason why I prefer to study in this University because in that I have the opportunity of get a interchange to other country, depending the career that I am studying is the place where I can go in the interchange, the most common places to go to study are United Stated, Canada or France, or those are the ones I know and I am interested in that because I have some knowledge of English which is a requirement to get the opportunity to study abroad so in my case could be easier to get one. That could

be great to help me to prepare myself and be a better engineer and is a way to travel to learn new things, go to a new place, meet more people, and get new experiences.

Petatlán is 50 minutes or an hour far from Zihuatanejo, and be traveling every day to classes is complicated and also a little expensive, so I will move to Petatlán where I will rent a room near to the University, I will be there from Mondays to Fridays and on weekends I will come back to Zihuatanejo that while I am studying the University. I started to study online on September that will be the way I will keep preparing myself to get new knowledge until be safe to go to face-to-face classes. Depending how the situation with the pandemic is I probably will start to go to the University in January of the next year.

I would love to thank you for the support you are giving me as it is a great help to me and my parents, and much more in these difficult times that we are living.

Ricardo Hernandez Garcia