

## MARIE MAXEY FOUNDATION

LATINO YOUTH ACHIEVING THEIR DREAMS - AGAINST ALL ODDS



Supporting Higher Education for Latino Youth

---

### "A Young Man Approached me at a Gas Station"

I was in Texarkana, Texas, pumping gas when a young man approached me and asked, "Senor, quiere agua?" He held out a bottle of water and I understood immediately that he was asking for help: Can you give me something for the water?

I had noticed the old car under a shade tree with a woman and two dogs when we had entered the gas station. They looked tired from travel and from the heat. The dogs had ropes tied around their necks, no collars. The young man had come from the car.

I asked him in Spanish where he was from and he said Venezuela. He went on to explain that they had been traveling for two months, had crossed the border at Eagle Pass, Texas, and were heading to New Jersey seeking asylum there. "I have papers from La Migra, I can show you." he said.

"Do you believe in God?" I asked. He said he did. I told him to let me pray for him and his wife. When I held their hands to pray, the dogs started barking as if I was in some way going to harm their masters. We prayed and I gave them \$100 and asked them to know that there are no coincidences, that everyday, I pray for God to take me where I am supposed to be, to where he is working. "You are here for a reason." I said. They nodded.

Who are these people that risk everything to come to the United States and what is God's plan in all of this? I'm not sure, but I know what it means to be abandoned without hope and dependent on the mercy of strangers. My mother told me the story many times of her family losing everything -- their farm, furniture, equipment, even their milk cow -- to foreclosure on a loan in January 1932. She was ten years old with no winter coat and no home. She taught me that there is a God; she answered the question.

We continue to seek God's will with our scholarship program. Fifteen scholarships valued at over \$13,250 are being provided by our foundation this year. A description is provided below of the students who have been supported, of their dreams and struggles, of hope overcoming darkness. We are a nation in transition and God has a plan. These young people are our future and I believe that future is bright. We need to make the investment now to give them a chance.

**Can you help? Any amount is welcome.**

We have more than doubled our scholarship amounts this year and have the lowest amount of residual funding -- less than \$1,000 -- since we established the foundation in 2018. We are moving forward in faith that we can continue providing scholarships in Mississippi (Grenada and Coahoma Counties), Virginia (Fairfax County) and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Please help if you can.

Donate



Scholarships Awarded as of September 8, 2023 Total \$8,000	Pending Scholarships to be Awarded from October through December 2023 Total \$4,000
<p><u>Elena Bathrick Memorial Scholarships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1,000 to Clinica Luz y Vida in San Luis, Santa Bárbara Honduras for Nurse Training</li><li>• \$1,000 to Oscar Bonilla - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)</li><li>• \$500 to Jennifer Cisneros - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)</li></ul> <p><u>Christopher Goughnour Memorial Scholarships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1,000 to Mateo Feijoo - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)</li><li>• \$1,000 to Meron Tekele - Bryant High School to attend Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)</li></ul> <p><u>Dilian Deal Memorial Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1,000 to Casa del Lago in Dallas, Texas for Reading Skills Summer Camp for Hispanic Youth</li></ul> <p><u>Sylvia Ayers Memorial Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1,000 to Heber Oveido - Freshman at George Mason University</li></ul> <p><u>Dulce Deinken Memorial Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$1,000 to Micah House in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for Youth Work Skills Training</li></ul> <p><u>Ruth Ann &amp; Jib Crawford Memorial Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$500 to Phillip Crawford to Attend Holmes Junior Community College in Grenada, Mississippi</li></ul>	<p><u>Tom &amp; Eleanor Geiger Scholarship</u> - \$1,000 for Post Secondary Education of Hispanic Youth (to be awarded in December 2023). Please help fund this scholarship.</p> <p></p> <p><u>Ruby Carpenter Jones Scholarship</u> - Goal of \$1,000 for Post Secondary Education of Coahoma County, Mississippi Youth (to be awarded in October 2023). Currently, \$700 has been donated toward this scholarship. Please consider donating to this scholarship.</p> <p></p> <p><u>Nancy Carpenter Dempsey Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$500 for Post Secondary Education of Grenada County, Mississippi Youth (to be awarded in October 2023). Please consider donating to this scholarship.</li></ul> <p></p> <p><u>Ambassador Larry Palmer Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$500 for a Student at Bluefield State University (Historically Black College &amp; University). Please consider donating to this scholarship.</li></ul> <p></p>

We provided our latest scholarship to Heber Oviedo, a student at George Mason University, who came to the Fairfax County as a child from Honduras. His story is one of resilience and courage. Heber has overcome language barriers, learning challenges, and culture shock to thrive in our community. We are very proud of him. You can read his story [here](#).

Sylvia Ayers Scholarship for \$1,000 was  
Awarded to Heber Oviedo  
September 6, 2023 - George Mason University



Robert St. Thomas, a member of our board, presents the Sylvia Ayers Scholarship certificate and a check for \$1,000 to Heber Oviedo. Read Heber's courageous story at the link below.

## Heber's Story

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions." Joel 2:28



**Total Scholarship Amount for 2023 is \$13,250. This is almost a 75 percent increase in our scholarships and grants given last year. A huge shout-out and thanks to our donors.**

The deadline for the Ruby Jones and Nancy Carpenter Scholarships has been extended to September 30, 2023.

For information on how to apply please see <http://www.maxeys.org>.



[Visit our Website](#)

[Donate](#)



**THANK YOU FOR READING OUR NEWSLETTER!**

Marie Maxey Foundation | 5525 Talon Court, Fairfax , VA 22032

[Unsubscribe michael@maxeys.org](mailto:michael@maxeys.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [michael@maxeys.org](mailto:michael@maxeys.org) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!