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I am currently attending Great Oak High School as a senior, and will be graduating in June. After graduation, I plan to attend the University of California Riverside, where I will pursue my goal of earning my Bachelors, Masters, and teaching credentials to become either a teacher or Speech Therapist.

I am aware that as a Hispanic teenager the odds are against me when it comes to being able to attend college. As I child, I dreamed of being the teacher that would influence and make a difference for future generations. My mother would be my number one mentor in having faith and encouraging me when I wanted to give up. My teachers have also helped me reach my goals, and understand my class subjects when I had questions. Teachers play a profound role in our lives. They help our siblings, children, and relatives with the basic skills we need to achieve their personal goals. After becoming a teacher, I will hope to bring more attention towards making children's education a priority for our government.

I should receive this scholarship because I feel that I have worked hard my entire life. I grew up seeing my mother take on both roles, as a mother and father. My mother has an abundance of bills to pay and food to buy; having a family of four with only one source of income makes my dream, difficult. I am not the only high school senior in my household, my older brother will also be graduating and going to community college, which will cost my mother thousands of dollars. I hope to receive this scholarship because it will not only make my mother's money go even farther, but because I have worked hard to earn some money for college.