

My name is Isabel Manzano I'm the youngest of five children and I'm a senior at Temecula Valley High. I plan to attend CSU San Marcos in the fall of 2011 to continue my dream of becoming a Pediatric Nurse. With the support of my family and the help of my teachers, I know I will succeed.

July 20, 2007 was the day my niece took her first breath, I watched the nurse take my niece with so much care and hand her to my sister. Curiously, I asked the nurses what they did in order to become a nurse. One nurse began explaining to me how I should get my Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She suggested that while I'm doing that I should volunteer at a medical center for two years. That day I set my goals and decided I wouldn't lose my focus in achieving my dream.

As my senior year came, my AVID teacher walked me through my college and FAFSA applications. I waited anxiously for my acceptance letters. I still recall the day I received my first one, I had never been so excited. My older sister, who was also in AVID was the first one in my entire family to attend college and is currently a freshman at CSU San Marcos. Since, I come from a working class family and both my parents live pay check to pay check; they told with me that they wouldn't be able to help me with my school until my sister finished. I was devastated but I decided that money won't get in the way of me accomplishing my goals.

I believe I am deserving of this scholarship because I'm focused and I'm committed to my dreams and goals. I know Mrs. Parker helped many people through her job as a teacher. I would be honored to receive a scholarship in her name and help as many as I can through my future job as a nurse. Lack of money won't stop me. By receiving this scholarship I will be able to reach my dream of becoming a pediatric nurse.