

2009 Updates and thank you letters:

Francisco, Cornell University (2013), Sociology and Dance

Recipient Spring 2010 Update

My name is Francisco, a 2009 Friends of Calculus scholarship recipient from the 11½ Street Foundation. I am currently a rising sophomore in Cornell University's College of Arts & Sciences, double majoring in Sociology and Dance. Although I had earned a 'full-ride' to Cornell, there were many expenses such as airfare coverage and miscellaneous fees that I needed to cover that my scholarships could not be applied towards. Because I had received the Friends of Calculus Scholarship in my name, I was able to use this money in the exact way that I needed to. This gives recipients the chance to spend their money in the precise way that they feel is necessary upon entering their freshman year of college, and plays an important role in the transitional period between high school and college.

Another significant aspect of this scholarship is that it recognizes students because of their commitment to the study of Calculus in high school. Students who take Advanced Placement Calculus in high school truly embark on a unique journey that prepares them for their college experience in many crucial ways. AP Calculus students are often leaders on their high school campuses who strive for excellence and maintain high work ethic. These are young students who serve as role models for others and the Friends of Calculus Scholarship is a great way to acknowledge and distinguish these unique students.

I am most grateful for being selected as a recipient for the Friends of Calculus Scholarship on behalf of the 11½th Street Foundation and I honorably speak on behalf of my fellow recipients when I say that it is of great value and regard to all of those who receive it. In conclusion to this letter, I wish to express a sincere gratification to the donors who are able to make the 11½th Street Foundation a possibility. You provide a crucial foundation for this scholarship program to function and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Student, University of Texas at Austin (2013), Policy Social Work

Recipient Spring 2010 Update

I was honored to be a recipient of the 11 1/2 Foundation scholarship. Your generous support helped me fulfill a lifelong dream of attending a university. My first year as a freshman at The University of Texas has been both challenging and exciting. It seems that academically, I am off to a great start, particularly in the spring semester where I had a 3.25 GPA. My plans at this stage are to complete a major in Policy Social Work. UT is ranked sixth in the nation for its stellar social work college, and I am fortunate to have been accepted. Upon graduation the university offers its social work graduates an opportunity to stay an extra year and earn a Master's degree in Social Work, which I plan on doing.

The financial assistance you provided was of great help to me by paying my educational expenses, as well as allowing me to concentrate more on my studies and not on ways on how to fund my education. I am the first in my family to attend college, and I hope to set a fine example for my younger brother, Irwin.

Volunteering at various locations while in high school helped me discover that I wanted to work with people. I have now taken my first social work class at UT, and I am certain that social work is the career for me. I enjoyed helping people who were uninformed about their life styles and services available to them. I hope to be able to work for a governmental agency sometime in the future, where I might have more ability to help those less fortunate and under-represented by providing the services that they need.

Thanks to generous organizations and donors like you, this goal is now within my reach.

Jackie, University of Houston (2011)- Joint BA/MA in Accounting

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Recipient Spring 2010 Update

I am currently majoring in accounting at the University of Houston and am also getting my master's degree through the University of Houston's 5 year program. I am really thankful for the scholarship I received from the 11 1/ 2 St Foundation in 2006 and I look forward to giving it back and more as soon as I graduate and start working for one of the Big Four (that's my goal).

Osbaldo, Houston Community College/University of Houston (2013)-Mechanical Engineering

2009 Recipient Spring 2010 Update

Thank you for your generous contribution to the 11 1/2th scholarship and for being able to see things in us that others can't. I am honored to be a recipient of the scholarship and am very grateful that you have chosen me as one of your recipients.

This scholarship not only benefited me but also my family. In the time of need one of my relatives needed surgery and I was there and had more than enough to pay off the rest of the bill. This scholarship has greatly helped me in school and made things easier for me and family. It gave me confidence knowing that there's somebody out there besides my friends and family that has some hope in me.

My first semester started off well and I completed 20 hours with a 3.5 GPA. I completed my first year of college with a 3.0 GPA and plan on transferring in the spring semester to a four year college to complete my bachelors' degree. I am planning to be a mechanical engineer and determined to do the best I can.

Thank you again for letting me to be a recipient of this scholarship. I know that, in the long run, it will help me a lot.