

Dear Bautista Family,

My name is Giana Perez, and I am a freshman at Mother McAuley Highschool. I am writing to extend my sincerest appreciation for awarding me the Bautista Scholarship. My parents work extremely hard and make countless sacrifices to send me to Mother McAuley school I have dreamt of going since I was a little girl. This scholarship takes a huge financial burden off both of them and allows for a huge sigh of relief.

I have always wanted to attend Mother McAuley. My dream has become a reality and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity. My favorite thing about attending this school is the all-girl environment and how welcome I feel when in all of my classes and clubs. I also love that McAuley has countless opportunities for girls like me to take advantage of. There is a club or organization for just about everything and I have been fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of a few. Most notably, I am currently the Lead, Student Ambassador, Spanish club, and Psychology Club. Psychology club has been particularly important to me as we have seen the rate of mental illness almost double this year due to the pandemic. I believe there's value in understanding what triggers these illnesses and how we can prevent them as a community.

My family and I are sincerely grateful for this award and I will continue to show my gratitude through acts of kindness, charity, and volunteer work in my community. My hope is that I can make an impact in the lives of others, as you have made in mine.

In Gratitude,

Giana Perez, Freshmen