

Dear Bautista Memorial Scholarship,

Thank you for the opportunity to receive a scholarship this year to continue my education at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. November is the month of Thanksgiving, which is the month of being thankful. My family and I are super thankful that we had the opportunity to receive this scholarship to help defray some of the costs of my tuition.

For the past 3 years, I have been working at LKQ corporation, a consumer good company located in downtown Chicago, helping all types of departments with extra tasks. It has been a valuable experience working there because I realized that accounting is not for me, but I am super thankful to have the opportunity to experience what an office job feels like. I am currently a senior now, which means lots of college applications. So far, applications are going well, and I have applied to 2 schools for early action: UIC and Augustana College. In total, I will be applying to 11 schools! I'm hoping to find the best fit for me.

With this scholarship it has helped my mom save money and it has gone to pay necessary and other important utilities. It is good to know that I do not have to worry about making a tuition payment and am able to continue my education at a fine Catholic institution like Cristo Rey. Thank you, Bautista Family, for your generosity and for giving back to the Pilsen community by creating this scholarship.

Wishing the entire Bautista Family, a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Emily Z.