

*Scholarship essay for a scholarship I did not win.

The hispanic scholarship fund essay

I believe that I should be awarded this scholarship because I have a dream and ambition to be both a fashion designer and a lawyer. My financial situation is not ideal for me to do even one career, much less two. However, I am doing whatever possible to be a fashion designer, but even then, I need the money. No matter the amount, whether it be \$20 or \$1000, the smallest amount helps me. Even though I know there are countless students who also need money, earning this scholarship will allow me to start my journey of higher education in fashion design and law.

I am a first-generation Mexican-American college student. I am the oldest in my family and no one else has gone to college so I am the first. Unfortunately for me that leaves me to jump over bigger hurdles compared to the rest of my peers. In many ways, not just financially. I have dreams and aspirations and yet I constantly feel like as if I am falling behind the rest of my peers who have older siblings or family members who have been through college and know how everything works. I am going into college completely blind and it is so terrifying and overwhelming. The pressure of multiple generations now rests heavily on my shoulders, having the eyes of judgemental family members on me only adds to the immense pressure that I feel. And yet through all of this, my passion has always been fashion design. My interest in law comes second even though one day, somehow someday I will be a lawyer.

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My vision of an apparel line is to have clothes as a form of art and self-expression that accommodates people from different backgrounds.

This has always been important to me because I want people to feel good about themselves and feel confident to step out of their comfort zone to wear what they want regardless of others' opinions. I have always had a hard time with this and still do, so I want to help other people and help myself as well.

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I like all forms of fashion and subcultures, so I'm open to everyone's different tastes and styles. Even if there's a style I do not like myself, I won't discriminate against the individuals that like that style, My job is to make people feel comfortable in their skin and tastes, not to judge another person and their tastes.

My apparel line would be a combination of many different styles that represent different parts of me. And it wouldn't just be feminine or masculine clothing but feminine, masculine, androgynous clothing. Sometimes, I feel like dressing more feminine in gowns and cute dresses and other times, I feel like dressing up in suits or more masculine-centered clothing, and other times I just want to put on clothes that represent neither. In doing that, I hope to be an example for others who want to express themselves but do not know how to or feel that in doing so they're betraying another part of themselves. In simple terms, I want my apparel line to represent people from all walks of life and allow others to use my apparel as an example of how they want to express themselves without blocking another part of themselves and embrace themselves fully as they are through the art of fashion and self-expression.