



MSCF scholarship application for four-year University

Name Daniela Salinas Date of Birth 02/05/2006

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I am currently attending Hesperia High School (School) in the Hesperia Unified (School District)

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Father's Name Armando Salinas Address 8585 11th Ave. Hesperia CA

Father's Occupation Restaurant Manager Employer La Casita Cafe

Mother's Name María Salinas Address N/A

Mother's Occupation N/A Employer N/A

Total # of Children Dependent on Family Income 3

Total Family Income \$ 40,000

Please list any unusual expenses which might enable the committee to assess the degree of need more accurately (i.e. prolonged illness of a family member, uninsured losses, accidents, etc.)

My mom passed away at a hospital unexpectedly. We are currently paying a percentage of the hospital bill and we fundraised to have enough for the funeral.

How many family members are in or about to enter college? 1

How much financial help will your parents be able to provide per month for your schooling? Whatever amount is needed

What percentage of expenses must you earn while in school? I am not sure

Current Grade Point Average? (GPA) 3.88 (Non-weighted)

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SAT TOTAL SCORE: N/A ACT TOTAL SCORE: N/A

Have you taken any AP classes during your HS career, and/or have you received any college credits? Yes

List all colleges you have applied to and which ones you've been accepted to: (use additional sheets if necessary)

A. California State University Long Beach
(Name of School/Location of School)

Have You Been Accepted? Yes

B. University of California Irvine
(Name of School/Location of School)

Have You Been Accepted? Yes

C. University of California Riverside
(Name of School/Location of School)

Have You Been Accepted? Yes

D. California State University Fullerton
(Name of School/Location of School)

Have You Been Accepted? Yes

Proposed major: Psychology

My occupation goal is: Being a social worker

How long will your course of study be? HS of now; 4 years

Have you applied for and received any scholarships or grants? (list below, use additional sheets if necessary)

Name of Scholarships/grants: San Bernadino County Multilingual Student Essay

Amounts received: Undetermined

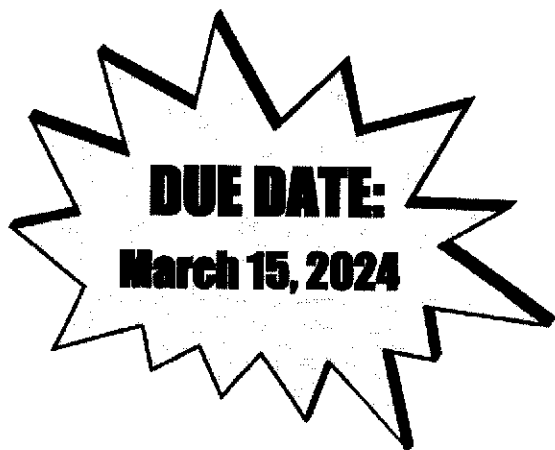
On a separate sheet of paper list your high school and community activities, special interests and hobbies and any volunteer hours.

Write a personal letter explaining your hardship.

Please attach an **official sealed** copy of your high school transcript (may be obtained from your counselor)

Please attach a letter of recommendation from one of the following; school teacher, administrator, program coordinator or from an upstanding member of the community.

Signature: Daniel Salinas Date: 3.13.24



***NOTE: Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Must be received by the deadline.**

Colleges you have applied to:	Have ou been accepted?
California State University of San Bernadino	Yes
Univeristy fo California Merced	Yes
California State University Polytechnic University, Pomona	Yes
Univeristy fo California San Diego	Undetermined

My Eternal Wound

My name is Daniela Salinas, and I am a senior at Hesperia High School; I am Hispanic and speak both Spanish and English quite fluently. I am very creative and random with the things I love to do; I love to draw, design, be crafty, bake pastries, and cook new meals. I find myself to be an old soul as I fit in better with older people. I take pride in being who I am and who I strive to be. I do not see failure as a bad thing, rather I see it as an opportunity to grow and learn.

5 months ago, on September 22, 2023, my mom passed away from complications in her pancreas and heart in a matter of just one day. The day before, I rushed her to the ER, not knowing that her last moment on Earth was in a hospital room - the memories in the ER still haunt me. It got worse overnight as we received a call the morning after that she was transferred to the ICU because of heart complications. I broke down listening to the nurse only saying bad news; we drove there as quickly as we could. It wasn't until a few hours later that her fragile and worn-out body was no longer able to fight. She gave it her all, fighting through the pain in her body and two heart attacks; the third one was too much for her. She didn't deserve the ending she got, but I am glad she did not suffer for a longer time. I arrived at the hospital minutes before she was pronounced dead; during the drive there, I was blinded by hope and excitement of just being able to see her, and I didn't consider the worst. My dad was already there, I thought he was at work. I arrived at the hospital minutes before the doctor said, "We did the best we could". I couldn't believe it at first - how is it possible? It felt surreal; like a never-ending nightmare. She was fine a day ago, what went wrong? My siblings were home, they had no idea what was going on. I remember I had to pick them up after and I waited until we were at the hospital to tell them the news that would change their lives forever.

It all came at once; the screams, the pain, the tears, everything, and nothing. I still held back so many tears and feelings until she was buried because it didn't sit well that she was not at peace. I was able to be the voice for my family in the process of finding donations and planning her funeral because I was not comfortable feeling everything yet. Not until October 18, 2023, I felt my feelings release as she was released down to the ground. I felt everything, yet nothing like ever before. It was a numbing pain, to say the least. I remember disassociating myself from the world, feeling countless pats and hugs, and hearing lots of words that were too far away. My mom would always say she lost a piece of herself when her mom was buried; I understood her. Now I can't help but shed a tear or speak with the pain in my voice when it involves her.

She was dealing with her grief; losing both of her parents on August 18, 2022, and December 19, 2022. Specifically, her mother's death caused the most trauma; it was unexpected and heartbreaking. A week before my grandmother's death, my mom rushed to Mexico because my grandfather scared us with his life on the line - her focus was on her dad. Minutes before her plane ride back home, my grandmother fell and hurt her head. There was a lot of internal damage in her head, she needed special care. As my mom was on the plane, she was rushed to the

hospital; by the time my mom was out of the plane she was in surgery, fighting for her life. My mom came back home feeling helpless. She was upset at the world for not keeping her there. I remember before school, she was crying and saying “Mi mama se va morir,” (my mom is going to die). A feeling in my chest didn’t give me hope but my mom needed strength. She made it out of surgery successfully but died minutes after. A few hours later, they took me out of 2nd period and I received the devastating news; I couldn’t help but break down. Exactly 4 months and 1 day later my mom got a call around 5 in the morning; my grandfather’s heart slowly stopped until he passed. He was sick for the longest, and losing his wife was not any easier. All of his complications prepared us for this moment, but we were never truly ready for it. My mom lost it, she was screaming and crying and hurting herself; what more could happen? I went to school to finish my finals for winter break. Before that day, I let my teacher know I might leave for Mexico for my grandfather beforehand. She coincidentally asked me that same day how he was doing. Reality hit me across the face, but her comfort helped me through the day. My eldest dog died 4 days after my grandfather died; the same day he was buried. We’d say he needed a companion to walk the stairs to heaven and chose her. They all had a special place in my heart. Christmas of 2022 was hard.

To me, grief is a scar that we have to learn to wear for the rest of our lives, but it is also proof of our love for the people who no longer exist. It shatters your heart and reshapes it in a way that doesn’t fit quite right, which makes you fragile. Nothing will ever make it go away. I have felt grief at a young age. I lost two wonderful uncles a day apart in March of 2017. Our weekly routine changed since we would visit them once a week. I was too young, I never fully understood what that aching feeling was. When my grandfather passed, I relived that questionable feeling; when my dog passed, my heart shattered more. Though, I never knew grief the way I do now. I was trying my best to comfort my mom and make her feel loved in her journey of grief without knowing how she truly felt, but only imagining it. It is a pain that can only be understood from experience. Now I sit in my tears and pain, longing for the same things she wanted. Every desire, guilt, and relief she had passed on to me. She was my best friend, we did everything together - we would dance, cook, watch novelas, influence each other to buy stuff we didn’t need, and so much more. We weren’t on the best terms for a long time, but I still loved and admired her and I will keep loving her for the rest of my life. There is a lot that would now be left forever unsaid and forever undone. It wasn’t fair, she still had dreams and a lot more to experience. There was still so much life for her to live; her duties as a mother were not over yet either. I am left grieving who she once was and nowhere to put my love for her.

My mother was a woman of admiration. Her soul was very comforting and kind to everyone. Her heart was made out of gold, her laughter was infectious, and her beautiful smile always lit the room. She was very outgoing and loud in a beautiful way. You’d be able to recognize her voice in any crowd. She was the life of the party. My mom was friends with the whole world, even the most random strangers became her friends. Knowing her made some type of impact in everyone’s heart, her family was also her friends. She was also an amazing mom; even after

years of struggle and medicine, she was still destined to be a mother of 3. We were her pride and joy. Regardless of how hard it was to be a mother, she loved every second she got to experience. People would say they know us from everything she says about us. My mom made sure we were fed, nurtured, and happy while she was trying her best to juggle being a mom and her work duties.

It has been the most difficult five months of my life. As a family with a missing parent, we are trying our best to adjust. We are broken, but we are broken together. As my dad works to financially maintain us, I provide my siblings with my nurture as a big sister; I am the oldest, my 13-year-old brother is the middle child, and my 10-year-old sister is the youngest. I love them with all my heart, I want to make sure they receive as much support as they grow and deal with grief. I am proud of how great they have been doing. They are barely growing and finding out who they are, that is enough struggle. I am proud of my dad for not giving up on figuring out how to adjust our lives with grief.

Every day I ask myself why the universe took her away. Every day I want to open the door of my room and see her in her kitchen or living room. Sometimes I'd give up everything, even for just a moment to be with her again; to hear her say I love you, and feel her warm embrace. I dwell in a way that makes me feel alone but understood. I try my best to catch up with the world, even though I wish there was a button to stop time and catch my breath. As I grieve what once was, I have been working hard to reach every goal in my future for myself and her. In honor of my parents and my stubbornness, I want to pursue my dream career. I plan to go straight to a 4-year university to major in psychology and eventually find a path in social work or psychotherapy. Since I was little, I was drawn to be there for people emotionally. Our mental health impacts our overall well-being and it should be a priority for every individual. At a young age, I understood that life is full of struggles to have beauty, but we shouldn't have to experience those struggles alone. I cannot solve people's problems, but I can make a difference in their lives. I want to pursue a career with my passion to be there for others, especially for kids and adolescents who are finding themselves as they grow in a world with many experiences that can be both good and traumatizing.

The opportunity I gain from writing to you will greatly expand the doors of other opportunities for my family and me. It has also allowed me to grieve in a way I did not know I needed. I appreciate moments like such as they give me strength and relief that one day I will feel better.

Thank you,

Daniela Salinas

Participation/Volunteering:

- I have participated in the Beginning Peer Counseling class in my junior year.
- I participated in Peer Counseling sessions with other peers since my junior year until present.
- I participated in Read Across America Day during my junior and senior year.
- I have participated in the Great Kindness Challenge during my junior and senior year.
- I have participated in Unity Day during my junior and senior year.
- I have volunteered as a caterer for La Casita Cafe since 5th grade until present.

Interests/Hobbies:

- I enjoy being artsy like designing cups, making shirt designs, using different softwares to design, drawing, making creative projects, and anything with art. I plan on designing my own grad cap and a stole to match it.
- I enjoy listening to music, it has been part of my daily routine since I was little.
- I enjoy baking and cooking; I love the expectation of something sweet or savory. I also like how pretty they come out if I get lucky.
- I enjoy talking with my siblings, we argue sometimes but we enjoy each others company; we watch movies, build legos, clean, and hang out as well.
- I love watching the sunset and seeing how colorful the sky gets.
- I love spending time with my two dogs; they both love tug of war.
- I enjoy star gazing and looking at the moon; since I was little I was always drawn to its beauty.
- I enjoy spending my weekends out after being home for 5 days in a row; it feels like a little getaway from reality with my boyfriend.



Hesperia High School

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March 13, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the distinct pleasure of teaching Daniela Salinas at Hesperia High School for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. For the 2022-2023 school year, Daniela took my Anatomy and Physiology course. This course had a large number of projects and project-based learning units. Daniela always completed her projects and assignments with an "outside-the-box" attitude, going above and beyond what was required. She has a thirst for a deeper understanding and knowledge of each topic, and is not afraid to ask questions and discover the answers. As a senior, she is ranked in the top 40 of her class of over 500 students, and has above a 4.0 GPA.

On top of completing her assignments well above the requirements, Daniela is also one of the nicest students in my classroom, always willing to lend a hand to myself or students around her. She could be counted on to tell the truth and complete her work with integrity and honesty. So much so, that I was delighted when Daniela signed up to be a teacher's assistant for me for the 2023-2024 school year. She is easily the most reliable teacher's assistant that I have had in the last decade of teaching.

In addition to excelling at her studies, Daniela has immersed herself into the culture at Hesperia High School, particularly in the Peer Counseling club. She is always available for her peers to turn to, and has absolutely found her passion in helping others. Daniela plans to attend a four-year university to major in Psychology and eventually become a therapist or social worker, and it has been so heartwarming to see her discover her passion at such a young age.

Daniela would be a wonderful addition to any college she attends. She has high aspirations and I have no doubt that she will reach every goal she sets for herself. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about Daniela.

Sincerely,

Brittany Walker

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Anatomy and Physiology Teacher / Science Department Chair

Activities Teacher


Head Cheerleading Coach

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Student Information	#3630407 Hesperia High School	#3630407 Hesperia High School
 Student Number: 603575 Grade: 12 Birthdate: 02/05/2006 Gender: F State ID: 9129342903 Counselor: Strehle, Bradley Guardian: Armando Salinas Diploma Date:	Course	Course
	2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 2	2022-2023 Grade 11 Term 2
	2021-2022 Grade 10 Term 1	2022-2023 Grade 11 Term 3
	2021-2022 Grade 10 Term 2	2023-2024 Grade 12 Term 1
GPA Summary		
Cumulative GPA (Weighted) 4.02 Class Rank 38 of 512 Cumulative GPA (Unweighted) 3.89 CA Cal Grant GPA 3.88 Weighted 10-12 A-G GPA 4.03	Credit: 30.000 GPA: 4.17 U/W GPA: 4.00 Credit: 30.000 GPA: 4.00 U/W GPA: 3.83 Credit: 30.000 GPA: 3.50 U/W GPA: 3.33 Credit: 10.000 GPA: 4.00 U/W GPA: 4.00 Credit: 30.000 GPA: 4.17 U/W GPA: 4.00 Credit: 30.000 GPA: 4.17 U/W GPA: 4.00	Credit: 30.000 GPA: 4.17 U/W GPA: 4.00 Credit: 10.000 GPA: 4.00 U/W GPA: 4.00 Credit: 40.000 GPA: 4.00 U/W GPA: 4.00 Credit: 40.000 GPA: 4.00 U/W GPA: 4.00
#6059547 Hesperia Jr.		
Course	Mark	Weight
2019-2020 Grade 08 Term 1		
1400 Integrated Math I	A	1.0000 0
Credit: .000 GPA: 0.0000 U/W GPA: 0.0000		
2019-2020 Grade 08 Term 2		
1400 Integrated Math I	A	1.0000 0
Credit: .000 GPA: 0.0000 U/W GPA: 0.0000		
#3630407 Hesperia High School		
Course	Mark	Weight
2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 1		
2050 AP European History	A	1.0000 5
9975 Biology (G)	A-	1.0000 5
9970 English I H (G)	A-	1.0000 5
1502 Enhanced Integrated Math II	A	1.0000 5
5000 Freshman P.E.	A+	1.0000 5
4460 Heritage Spanish I	A-	1.0000 5
Credit: 30.000 GPA: 4.17 U/W GPA: 4.00		
2020-2021 Grade 09 Term 2		
2050 AP European History	A-	1.0000 5
9975 Biology (G)	A	1.0000 5
9970 English I H (G)	A	1.0000 5

In-Progress Courses	
9105 Adv Peer Asst/Supp	10.000
6860 Cosmetology	40.000
0271 CSU Expos Reading & Writing 12	10.000
6991 Digital Graphic Design II	10.000
9000 Teacher Aide	10.000

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