

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

for students at the FRAY CASIMIRO CYPHER INSTITUTE - 2025



## INTRODUCTION

The government provides free education to children 6 to 15 years old. The lack of public schools and high enrollment fees, school uniforms and transportation costs prevent many students from completing even their elementary education so many students in Honduras are struggling to finish high school and to learn what they need to get better opportunities in life.

The poverty ratio is 60% of the population, many children need to quit school to work when they are very young to help support the family. Private education is a privilege for few families.

Besides, the education curriculum in Honduras' public schools provides poor academic skills to the students. The few who graduate from high school have not been provided with the necessary civic, technical, or business knowledge, leaving them with low self-confidence needed to survive or get ahead in the poor economy of Honduras. Substantial changes need to be made to face this situation, even when nobody else is interested in helping this population to get out of this cycle.

At Fray Casimiro Institute, the goal is to give hope and great opportunities to our students by offering a complete education to our students which include better academic programs, technical abilities, advanced business skills and Christian values, while reinforcing a positive attitude and personal development. Ideally, the students will be prepared to get a job or to start their own business after graduation.

## GOALS

The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of life of our students and their families by offering the opportunity to gain a qualified education. We will accomplish this by providing a full or partial scholarship to selected students.

The program will also strive to increase parent involvement in the education of their children. The scholarship is not offered as "charity", parents must contribute in some form towards the cost. This approach ensures parents and students' commitment to their education, their understanding of the importance of attending classes on a regular basis, studying at home, following the behavior criteria, and making the necessary effort to get good grades to be promoted to the next school grade.

As a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to cultivate a special relationship with your student by corresponding several times per school year, encouraging them in their studies. When you sponsor one of our students, you will: ***Live out the Gospel call to walk in solidarity with those in need, partner with an individual across geographic and economic divides and offer financial support and the opportunity for a better life.***

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### SELECTION CRITERIA

The staff at the Institute, teachers and local authorities will select students for a full or half scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded **ONLY** to students enrolled at the Fray Casimiro Institute based on:

- **Financial needs** – for families surviving with the minimum salary or lower or for large families whose parents are committed to support their kids.
- **Academic achievement** – for a student with average grades of A or B and good discipline.
- **Leadership skills** -for a student committed to community development

### STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All selected students are required to take advantage of this opportunity by attending their classes, completing all their work assignments, giving their best performance at school and completing the school year ( a few exceptions will be discussed)
2. Students are required to **sign an agreement committing to give back** by completing 6 to 12 hours per week of community service at the Institute; by participating on a work-study program on any of the existing small business at the Institute; by tutoring their peers, one or two days per week at the Institute or at their communities; or by doing community service on other community projects for those students, who live far from the institute.
3. Students will write several letters to sponsors during the year to share information of their progress and to promote a closer relationship.

### FAMILY ACCOUNTABILITY

Wilson and staff will hold parents and students' meetings several times a year to provide general information, to plan community service activities, for team group building, to monitor the program's progress and to provide feedback to sponsors. They will have a final evaluation and celebration at the end of the school year in December.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATOR

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### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COSTS

Be assured that 100% of your donation benefits the students. The scholarships will cover **monthly tuition payments, textbooks, uniforms, and it will provide transportation subsidies** for each selected student. The students attend school 10 months per year, February to November.

There are two types of scholarship:

- ❖ a half scholarship for a student at the Bilingual school and
- ❖ a full scholarship for a student at the Technical Institute

#### 50% Academic scholarship of a student at the Good Shepherd Bilingual School K – 9<sup>th</sup> grade

DESCRIPTION	COST in LEMP	COST in USD
Tuition	10,000.00	\$ 400.00
Textbooks	2,250.00	\$ 90.00
Uniforms and transportation aid	250.00	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Lemp 12,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

#### Academic or technical scholarship for a student at the Technical Institute.

DESCRIPTION	COST in LEMP	COST in USD
Tuition	4,500.00	\$180.00
Textbooks	2,250.00	\$90.00
Uniforms and transportation aid	2,000.00	\$80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Lemp 8,750.00</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

The annual scholarship can be paid once a year or monthly.

If you choose the yearly option:

- You may write a check to **Good Shepherd Catholic Community** or
- Pay via faith Direct, select "One Time Gift" following this link. <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/TX499/49123> . Under the Note, please write **Honduras Scholarship**.

If you choose the monthly option: **(PLEASE note that this is a new option on Faith Direct)**

- Set up monthly payments online via Faith Direct via Online Giving. Select > Recurring Gifts > then Honduras Scholarships at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/tx499>