



The Dowling Educational Scholarship Application - 2025

INSTRUCTIONS: Please submit your completed application in person to our client services team or send via email to scholarships@communitycenternw.org **BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

HHID#: 14453 Last Name: Argueta Mejia First Name: Luis
Street Address: 280 West St Apt. 10A City: Mt. Kisco NY Zip Code: 10549
Phone: (914) 471-6089 Email: lilizo mejia20@gmail.com Date of Birth: 09/06/2007
What type of college/school/coursework are you planning on pursuing with the help of this scholarship?
☒ College ☐ Technical/Trade ☐ Other Name of school: SUNY Brockport/PACE/Mercy/SUNY Albany
If you are currently employed: Employer Name: Maarten Steenman Hours/Week: 16 hours a week

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

- **AN ESSAY** of 250-750 words that addresses these topics:
 1. What are your educational goals?
 2. How will this scholarship help you overcome any obstacles toward achieving these goals?
- **A SEPARATE PAGE of YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES**
 1. Describe the most important activities you are involved in. This can include clubs, community service, athletics, hobbies, work, caring for family, household responsibilities or any other activities of importance to you.
 2. If you are a member of a club or a volunteer, please include the length of your involvement and any position you have held in the organization.
- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
Submit a minimum of **two** letters from one or more teachers, a guidance counselor, employer, supervisor, coach, or community/spiritual leader. Be sure they include their **title** and **contact information**.

IF YOU ARE A CURRENT STUDENT:

In addition to the above documents, please provide:

- **REPORT CARD/TRANSCRIPT**

Submit the records that apply to your current student status:

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
9th- 11th grade Transcript
12th grade Fall 2024 Report Card

FRESHMAN COLLEGE STUDENTS
12th grade Transcript
Fall 2024 College Grade Report

ALL OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS
Previous year's Transcript
Fall 2024 College Grade Report

- **NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING** Fox Lane High School

All APPLICANTS please sign and date:

I CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION. I AM AWARE THAT OMISSIONS OR INACCURACIES COULD RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

Applicant's Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/27/2025

Parent's Signature (If under age 18): [Signature] Date: 1/27/2025

Client Services Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for applying for the **2025 Dowling Educational Scholarship**. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. You will be notified in late April if you have been awarded a scholarship. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Client Services Team, by phone at 914.232.6572 ext. 110 or ext. 111 or email us at scholarships@communitycenternw.org

Luis Argueta Mejia

1/25/2025

As a soon-to-be first-generation college student, I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for The Dowling Educational Scholarship. I believe that education is one of the most important things that can be offered to an individual. Education is what allows us to grow and learn. Far from just that, we should also acknowledge that education is a privilege. Not everyone is given the same opportunities, and we should use our access to education as a tool to help others. Helping the ill and vulnerable is something that has always captured my attention. I believe that there is nothing better than comforting someone during the most vulnerable moments. That is why I have always been interested in the medical field, but more specifically, nursing. My mother has always guided me on a God-fearing path, which is why 1 Peter 4:9-10, which reads, "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" has always touched my heart. I hope to soon be the first-generation college student in my family; I will use this privilege to offer hospitality and strength to the afflicted. I believe that we must serve others every time we have the opportunity to do so; as it is written in the Bible, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). If I am blessed, I must use my blessings to bless others.

My family comes from a background of limited-resources, and neither of my parents got the opportunity to attend college. They were born and raised in Guatemala and come from impoverished backgrounds. They never had the privilege of receiving a good education. I was also born in Guatemala but immigrated to the United States of America when I was three years old in hopes of a better future. I came to be able to achieve the American Dream, which is the opportunity to succeed. Since neither of my parents were able to get proper educations, they couldn't obtain high-paying jobs. My father has worked in construction ever since he came to this great country. He's always been a hard worker; however, he doesn't have enough work as needed to support our household when the winter season comes every year. Oftentimes, he doesn't have a job in the winter because it's too cold, the ground is frozen, it's snowing, and things of that nature. My parents genuinely desire for my younger brother and me to receive the education they never had, but for this, financial aid is very essential. I hope to become a first-generation college student; however, financial needs will be an obstacle that my family must overcome. Winning this scholarship would be an honor and would bring me closer to my dream of becoming a nurse. Thank you for reviewing my application for this scholarship.

LUIS F. ARGUETA MEJIA

Mount Kisco, NY 10549

(914) 471 6089 ♦ lili20mejia20@gmail.com

SUMMARY	A responsible, caring, high school senior who possesses strong teamwork, communication, time management skills. Trilingual in English, Spanish, and French. Patient and eager to gain experience as an intern in the field of nursing.
EDUCATION	Fox Lane High School , Bedford NY September 2021-present
HONORS	Accepted Member , Advancement Via Individual Determination 2025 Cohort Seal of Biliteracy: Spanish , New York State Education Department Seal of Biliteracy: French , New York State Education Department Consistent Member , Fox Lane High Honor/Honor Roll
EMPLOYMENT	Construction Worker , Oval Tennis Inc, Somers, NY August 2024-present <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Implement plans designed by manager and follow all specified guidelines♦ Operate tools and equipment to ensure bricks and foundations are level♦ Collaborate with coworkers and learn valuable skills from their experience Baker , La Tulipe Desserts, Mount Kisco, NY August 2021-present <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Prepare fresh pastries, breads, and other baked goods from scratch♦ Maintain Board of Health standards throughout the kitchen area♦ Communicate important allergen information to the sales associates to ensure the safety of all the shoppe's patrons♦ Receive incoming shipments, compare contents to packing invoices, and verify that all items are present
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Minister's Assistant , Mount Zion Apostolic Church Mount Kisco, NY August 2024-present <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Welcome visitors to the weekly services and assist with seating of elderly♦ Organize the minister's paperwork, creating an efficient system for retrieval Bilingual Guide/Gardener , Mount Kisco Elementary School, Mount Kisco, NY May-August 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Escorted families around the building and introduced students to teachers♦ Spoke to parents in Spanish and answered any questions that they had♦ Cleaned up the garden and prepared the grounds for planting Tutor , Fox Lane Middle School, Bedford, NY January 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Provided small group reinforcement in math to struggling students♦ Offered suggestions for organization to help with study skills
REFERENCES	Available upon request.



Fox Lane High School

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Dr. Jennifer Amos, *Principal*
Ms. Kristy Emery and Mr. Jason Spector, *Assistant Principals*

Letter of Luis Argueta Mejia

D.O.B. 09/06/2007

Diligent, respectful, hardworking.

ACADEMICS

Luis has been part of our AVID program since middle school. Advancement Via Individual Determination is a nation-wide program for first generation, economically disadvantaged students with demonstrated academic and college potential. Luis, since the day I first met him, has been clear that he will be the first in his family to go to college.

Luis has been a solid student throughout high school. As he has matured, so have his work and student habits. What I admire most about him, is his determination to work through classes that do not come easily. Last year in Physics, several of his peers jumped ship and went into a slower paced class. Luis knew this was an option and that his grades could rise significantly. Instead, he chose to stick it out. He stayed after school with his teacher, he worked with an upper classman tutor and he came prepared to AVID with questions and problems that puzzled him when our AP Physics teacher cycled in for help. Luis took advantage of all resources. While science is not his forte, he felt it was important to work through the more difficult material. This took precedence over earning a higher grade. Learning is what matters to Luis.

Luis wants to study nursing in college. While I just stated that science does not come naturally to Luis, helping people does. Luis understands he will need to fulfill some rigorous core classes, and he is ready to meet the challenge. Once Luis sets his mind to something, he is unstoppable. He may not earn the highest grade, but he will get through with grit, hard work and determination. In high school he especially enjoyed Biology. Not only was he captivated by the material, but he also loved the collaborative nature of the labs.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Luis is a worker. He has held a job at a bakery since ninth grade. He leaves school and goes directly to work 4 days a week after school. On Saturdays he works a full day with his father on construction. According to his supervisor and boss, Luis never misses a day, and he is the first to arrive. He is unwaveringly dependable and always arrives with a smile and positive attitude no matter what the time of day or season.

CHARACTER/FAMILY/UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

Luis' parents are immigrants. His father works construction, and his mother was a nurse while still in Guatemala. His parents are hardworking and deeply religious. They have passed these traits to Jason. Jason goes to church weekly and participates in a myriad of community outreach service programs. He wants to make a difference and he wants to help those less fortunate. Luis has logged over 100 hours of community service, but I know that he has done so much more.

Perhaps that is the point. Luis gives to others because he wants to, not because he needs recognition. He a generous caring young man who contributes to his community. You can count on him to do that same in college. Luis has tremendous personal and academic potential. I highly recommend him to you for admission.

Sincerely,
Kristin Brown

Kristin Brown, School Counselor

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January 27, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Christy Bekkelund and I am proud to offer my recommendation of Luis Argueta Mejia. I had the unique experience of teaching Luis in 8th, 10th and 11th grade English. I feel his growth from middle school to high school is exceptional and his accomplishments would make him an excellent candidate for the Dowling Educational Scholarship. I am also an AVID teacher and know Luis through the many school-wide AVID events. Luis is a self-motivated student who always went above and beyond. But what truly stood out is his impeccable character and maturity. Every class, he greeted me with a smile and a hello and left with a thank you, behaviors not always evident in high school boys. His academic achievements, respectful behavior and interpersonal skills make him a pleasure to recommend.

Luis has proven himself to be dedicated, enthusiastic, and helpful both in and out of class. As an English student, he showed tremendous growth from eighth grade to junior year. He challenged himself and made every effort to build his skills and rise up to be a leader among his peers. He approached each class with a positive attitude and I appreciated this enthusiasm. He advocated for himself when needed and always made sure to complete work on time. His student skills and disciplined work ethic are remarkable and will carry him far in life. In addition, as a member of AVID, he was a mentor to many of my AVID students by providing guidance, support and friendship. He has a unique ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds, showing empathy and understanding that makes a profound impact on those around him.

Luis is most proud of his resiliency. He acknowledges that some assignments and classes were more difficult than others. He made the necessary adjustments to improve his skills and overall grades. This makes him a strong and solid candidate for your school. He will continue to focus on growth, to use all the resources available to him and be an active and contributing member of the school community.

Luis wants to continue on this forward path and find new ways to challenge himself, continue to become more independent and strengthen his interpersonal skills. When asked, he hopes for a successful life and he is eager to make many new connections in college. Luis's ability to reflect and adjust under pressure will surely serve him well in a college setting. He is an organized, intelligent, and capable young man who would greatly benefit from your scholarship. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (914) 241-6000 or cbekkelund0067@bcsdny.org.

Sincerely,
Christy Bekkelund
Fox Lane High School
AVID 11/English Teacher

Student Name Argueta Mejia, Luis F.		Bedford Central School District 2023-2024  Accredited by NYS Board of Regents UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT	Fox Lane High School 632 S Bedford Rd Bedford, NY 10506 July 02, 2024	
Perm ID 18967	Grade 11		Phone 914-241-6085	CEEB # 333245
Date Of Birth 09/06/2007			Counselor Brown, Kristin	
Home Address 280 West St APT A10 Mount Kisco, NY 10549				

Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp
Fox Lane Middle School			Fox Lane High School		
Yr: 2020-2021	Grade: 08		Yr: 2023-2024	Grade: 11	
French 1	91	1.00 / 1.00	United States History R	92	1.00 / 1.00
Cred Att: 1.00	Cred Cmp: 1.00	GPA: 91.00	Cred Att: 6.50	Cred Cmp: 6.50	GPA: 90.33
Fox Lane High School					
Yr: 2021-2022	Grade: 09				
Algebra 1	91	1.00 / 1.00			
AVID 9	100	1.00 / 1.00			
English 1R	85	1.00 / 1.00			
French 2	97	1.00 / 1.00			
Global History H	93	1.00 / 1.00			
Health	97	0.50 / 0.50			
Living Environment R	84	1.00 / 1.00			
Physical Education	PH	0.50 / 0.50			
Cred Att: 7.00	Cred Cmp: 7.00	GPA: 92.08			
Fox Lane High School					
Yr: 2022-2023	Grade: 10				
Chemistry R	65	1.00 / 1.00			
English 2R	88	1.00 / 1.00			
French 3	94	1.00 / 1.00			
Geometry	54	1.00 / 0.00			
Physical Education	PH	0.50 / 0.50			
Studio Art	80	1.00 / 1.00			
Sum Credit Recovery Geometry	P	1.00 / 1.00			
World History R	86	1.00 / 1.00			
Cred Att: 7.50	Cred Cmp: 6.50	GPA: 77.83			
Fox Lane High School					
Yr: 2023-2024	Grade: 11				
AVID 11	95	1.00 / 1.00			
English 3R	89	1.00 / 1.00			
French 4H	95	1.00 / 1.00			
Intermediate Algebra	91	1.00 / 1.00			
PE Semester 1	PH	0.25 / 0.25			
PE Semester 2	PH	0.25 / 0.25			
Physics R	70	1.00 / 1.00			
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Enter Date 09/01/2012								
Leave Date	Graduation Date							
Class of 2025								

<p>Bedford Central School District</p> <p>Marking Period 1</p> <p>2024-2025</p>		<p>Fox Lane High School</p> <p>Jennifer Amos, Principal</p> <p>Kristin Brown, Counselor</p> <p>632 S Bedford Rd Bedford, NY 10506</p> <p>914-241-6085</p>	
Student Name:	Perm ID:		Grade:
Argueta Mejia, Luis F.	18967		12

Note: The Average listed is the Weighted Marking Period Average

Congratulations, you made High Honor Roll!, Marking Period 1

Grade Detail					
Course ID	Course Title	MP1	Teacher	ABS	TDY
FL394	AP Euro History	96	Luhman, M.	0	0
Comment(s) Luis is keeping up with AP European history content, has done well on assessments and continues to practice AP historical thinking and writing skills.					
FLAVID1	AVID 12	100	Monchinski, T.	0	0
FL140	Eng 4H: Society Lit & Truth	97	Whalen, D.	0	0
FL425	French 5H	98	Michel, G.	0	0
Comment(s) Luis is doing very well in French class. Keep it up!					
FL340	Government H & Economics H	97	Hirsch, R.	0	0
Comment(s) El esfuerzo es satisfactorio.					
FL915a	PE Semester 1	PH	Foley, M.	0	0
Comment(s) Un placer tenerlo en clase.					
FL255	Statistics	87	Kuritzky, A.	0	0
Comment(s) Luis was a pleasure to teach. He needs to continue to practice, ask questions, and complete all practice problem sets.					
FL020	SUPA Forensics	92	Dossena, J.	0	1
Comment(s) Luis is a pleasure to have in class. Next marking period we will be continuing the study of biological evidence and working on an extensive crime scene using the skills acquired in class. Note, late work will not be accepted unless there is an extenuating circumstance. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out at jdossena1819@bcsdny.org					
Average		101			

Grade Point Average

MP Weighted GPA

101.00