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New Scholarship Application

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New Scholarship Application

A new form submission has been received.

Form name: DOWLING EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

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HHID#: 4176

Name: Ronnie Barrientos

Address: 60 N Moger Ave Mount Kisco NY 10549

Email: ronniebarrientos@icloud.com

Phone: 9144861217

Date of Birth: 01/30/2007

What type of college/school/coursework are you planning on pursuing with the help of this scholarship?: Other

Name of School:: Fox Lane High School

Are you currently employed?: Yes

Name of Employer:: Marie Cronin

Hours/Week:: 4

ATTACH YOUR ESSAY: https://uploads.commoninja.com/1736992739529_Scholarship%20Essay.pdf

UPLOAD YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES PAGE:
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UPLOAD YOUR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:
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ARE YOU A CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT:: Yes

UPLOAD YOUR TRANSCRIPT AND 2024 FALL GRADES:
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NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING:: Fox Lane High School

Applicants Signature: https://uploads.commoninja.com/1736992796969_signature.png

Parent Signature (if under age 18): https://uploads.commoninja.com/1736992799040_signature.png

Today's Date: 2025-01-15

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. Please select to certify

I have reviewed the Check List and submitted all required items: Yes

Since I was a child, I have lived through experienced that have shaped my desire to care for others and pursue a degree in nursing. My goal to earn a degree in nursing is driven by my aspiration to care for patients and support them when they need it the most

This motivation to be able to achieve a nursing degree stems from witnessing my mothers' strength while battling Lyme disease and the loss of my grandmother. Having to see my mother battle Lyme disease at a young age for eight years further pushed my goal to get a degree in nursing. Having to witness my mother struggle to walk to the bathroom, and physical weakness, and let a lone try to care for our family, truly broke my heart. During these years, I saw the important role nurses had. These nurses not only facilitated her recovery, but they were also right by her side for emotional support. Their dedication and kindness inspired me to one day give that same level of care and kindness to others.

The death of my grandmother further fueled my passion for helping people who are sick. My grandmother lived in Guatemala and was diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to see her before she passed, as the day I booked my flight to visit her, she passed away. I was only able to meet her through photos and phone calls. This loss really affected me and taught me the importance to value our loved ones. My experience with my grandmother pushed me to make a difference in the lives of patients, especially in their most difficult moments.

My journey towards becoming a nurse has not be easy. Financial barriers are a major concern as a try to balance school, family responsibilities, and a part-time job. Helping my mom with her house cleaning business has created a strong sense of work ethic in me, without financial assistance, to achieve my goal of going to college would cause significant strain on my family financially and emotionally.

This scholarship doesn't just represent financial relief, it represents an opportunity for me to pursue my education and to fulfill my potential. It would allow me to dedicate myself to my studies without having to stress about the financial stress it would cause my family. I would be able to gain a hands-on experience, develop skills that are essential for a nurse Additionally, it would serve as a reminder that there are people out there who can see the potential I can be and the difference I would be able to make in others.

My dream is not to just become a nurse, but to actually make a change in peoples lives. I want to embody the values of compassion and perseverance through my journey as a nurse. This scholarship would help me make these steps possible. With determination, I am positive that I will be able to turn my dream to become a nurse into reality, where I can care and provide solace to those in need.

Activity List

Family Responsibilities

10, 11, 12

Year

10 hr/wk, 52 wk/yr

Supervisor, Barrientos Merchan Family

Drive brother to school and back, assist him with any homework, drive him to appointments when parents aren't available.

Work (Paid)

9, 10, 11, 12

Year

15 hr/wk, 40 wk/yr

Assistant, Mariana House Cleaning, Mount. Kisco, NY

Clean homes/apartments efficiently, support management of business, contact clients for appointments, ensure client satisfaction.

Work (Paid)

9, 10, 11, 12

Year

5 hr/wk, 15 wk/yr

Party Host Assistant, Trump Park Residences, Shrub Oak, NY

Serve food/drinks for private events, set up decorations on holidays, manage cleanup, ensure guests' needs are met.

Work (Paid)

9, 10, 11, 12

Year

5 hr/wk, 15 wk/yr

Babysitter, Trump Park Residences, Shrub Oak, NY

Provide childcare for residents in their apartments, ensure children's safety, organize activities, take them to local playground and mall.

Work (Paid)

9, 10, 11, 12

Year

5 hr/wk, 10 wk/yr

Dog Sitter, Trump Park Residences, Shrub Oak, NY

Feed and walk dogs, give dogs medications as needed, build trust with pet owners and their pets.

Other Club/Activity

11, 12

School

4 hr/wk, 35 wk/yr

Scholar, Latino U College Access, White Plains, NY

Nominated by school counselor for college access & success program for high-achieving first-gen Latino students; focus on skills for college & career.

Other Club/Activity

11, 12

School

2 hr/wk, 35 wk/yr

Club Member, First Responders Club, Fox Lane HS

Organize fundraisers, participate in various fire department and EMS department safety activities.

Community Service (Volunteer)

10, 11

School

3 hr/wk, 1 wk/yr

Volunteer, Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford Corners, NY

Volunteered during holidays, helped clean food and organized utensils, helped prepare and cook food.

Community Service (Volunteer)

11

School

3 hr/wk, 1 wk/yr

Volunteer, West Patent Elementary School, Bedford Hills, NY

Assisted K-5 grade students with their school work and choosing library books, planted flowers and plants in school's garden.

January 13, 2025

Dowling Educational Scholarship Committee

LETTER OF REFERENCE / Dowling Educational Scholarship

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Rony Barrientos Merchan's application for the Dowling Educational Scholarship. I have had the pleasure of working with Rony for the last three years as our social events assistant catering manager at Trump Park Residences Condominium located in Yorktown, New York.

During this time Rony has consistently impressed me with his exceptional can do work ethic, ability to follow directions, make independent decisions when necessary, eager to learn new things and was always focused on a high level of resident satisfaction. That combination of abilities clearly demonstrates to me he has what it takes to succeed academically.

I have found that Rony is a highly motivated and results oriented individual who consistently goes beyond expectations. On numerous occasions he has demonstrated an ability to conduct himself in a calm and professional manner when confronted with unexpected stressful and challenging situations. His performance under fire demonstrates his problem-solving abilities and leadership qualities.

I am confident that Rony has the potential to excel in his chosen field of study. He is a highly motivated and intelligent individual with a strong work ethic and a genuine passion for learning. I highly recommend Rony for the Dowling Educational Scholarship and believe he would be a valuable addition to your program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 276-336-6055 if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Marie Cronin
Social Committee Chairman
Trump Park Residences



Fox Lane High School

P.O. Box 390 | Route 172
Bedford, NY 10506
(914) 241-6085



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

Letter of Rony Barrientos Merchan

D.O.B. 01/30/2007

Reserved, compassionate, eager.

ACADEMICS

Ronnie 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. Ronnie, since the day I first met him, has been clear that he will be the first in his family to go to college.

Ronnie is very shy. Participating in class or being in class with people he does not know is challenging for him. He tends to lean back and let others do the talking. By the end of his sophomore year, this began to shift. He loved both his history and English classes (and teachers) and began to participate. He was always a reliable group worker, but in these classes, he volunteered answers and asked insightful questions. He began to break out of his shell and push beyond his comfort zone. His confidence grew as did his student skills and habits. Junior year he enrolled in English honors and AP US History and thrived in both!

Rony has not decided on an exact career path, but he is considering studying nursing in college. He understands the science and math requirements and knows it will not be easy. He is however, committed to entering a field where he will have a direct impact on people and their well-being.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Ronnie is involved in a variety of extracurricular clubs and activities. He joined our First Responders Club to learn more about emergency medical treatment and first aid. He is a mentor and tutor for Best Buddies, an organization that works with elementary school students after school for children whose parents work and cannot afford after care. Ronnie also has dedicated over one hundred hours of service to a nearby temple where he cleans and collates bulletins for weekend and holiday services.

Every weekend, Ronnie works with his mother. His mother cleans houses for a living and takes on as much work as she can to help support the family. Ronnie devotes every Saturday to his mother. He worries about the physical toll of his mother's job and is determined to alleviate some of the stress she is under.

CHARACTER/FAMILY/UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

Although COVID feels like an issue of the past, Ronnie's family was deeply impacted. Ronnie had several relatives who were hospitalized for extended periods of time, and for one, it was touch and go for a while. The decision to keep his uncle off a ventilator saved his life, but recovery was slow and arduous. It was scary for Ronnie and his family and one of the reasons I believe he is considering going into the allied health field.

Ronnie's parents are exceptionally hardworking. Ronnie sees this and is appreciative of all they have sacrificed for him and his younger brother. His parents came to the United States without finishing high school in their country. They made a life and home for their children, always insisting that education was a priority. Ronnie has followed their dreams for him and made them his own. I believe, as he first told me, that he will be the first in his family to go to and graduate from college. His future is bright. I highly recommend him to you for admission.

Sincerely,

Kristin Brown

Kristin Brown, School Counselor

Student Name Rony Barrientos Merchan		Bedford Central School District 2024-2025  Accredited by NYS Board of Regents OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT	Fox Lane High School 632 S Bedford Rd Bedford, NY 10506 September 16, 2024	
Perm ID 17695	Grade 12		Phone 914-241-6085	CEEB # 333245
Date Of Birth 01/30/2007			Counselor Brown, Kristin	
Home Address 60 N Moger Ave 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	90	1.00 / 1.00	Quantitative Geometry	85	1.00 / 1.00
Cred Att: 1.00	Cred Cmp: 1.00	GPA: 90.00	SUPA Forensics	86	1.00 / 1.00
Fox Lane High School			Cred Att: 6.50	Cred Cmp: 6.50	GPA: 94.17
Yr: 2021-2022	Grade: 09		Work In Progress		
Algebra 1A	89	1.00 / 1.00	Fox Lane High School		
AVID 9	96	1.00 / 1.00	Crs ID	Course Title	Term Mark
English 1R	86	1.00 / 1.00	FLAVID12	AVID 12	
French 2	87	1.00 / 1.00	FL345	Economics H	
Global History R	76	1.00 / 1.00	FL145	Eng 4: Writing Intensive	
Living Environment R	82	1.00 / 1.00	FL950	Health	
Physical Education	P	0.50 / 0.50	FL915a	PE Semester 1	
Studio in Crafts	93	1.00 / 1.00	FL915b	PE Semester 2	
Cred Att: 7.50	Cred Cmp: 7.50	GPA: 87.00	FL344	Public Affairs H	
Fox Lane High School			FL027	Science of Food	
Yr: 2022-2023	Grade: 10		FL021	Science of Natural Disa:	
Algebra 1B	84	1.00 / 1.00			
AVID 10	100	1.00 / 1.00			
Chemistry R	73	1.00 / 1.00			
Clay 2	94	0.50 / 0.50			
English 2R	87	1.00 / 1.00			
French 3	88	1.00 / 1.00			
Money Management	88	0.50 / 0.50			
Physical Education	P	0.50 / 0.50			
World History R	89	1.00 / 1.00			
Cred Att: 7.50	Cred Cmp: 7.50	GPA: 87.43			
Fox Lane High School					
Yr: 2023-2024	Grade: 11				
AP United States History	84	1.00 / 1.00			
AVID 11	97	1.00 / 1.00			
English 3H	90	1.00 / 1.00			
French 4H	93	1.00 / 1.00			
PE Semester 1	P	0.25 / 0.25			
PE Semester 2	P	0.25 / 0.25			
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GPA SUMMARY <u>Unweighted GPA</u> <u>Weighted GPA</u> Cumulative 87.90 Cumulative 89.33 Unweighted GPA Weighted GPA		NOTES
Enter Date 11/12/2009		
Leave Date	Graduation Date	
Class of 2025		

Bedford Central School District Marking Period 1 2024-2025	Fox Lane High School Jennifer Amos, Principal Kristin Brown, Counselor 632 S Bedford Rd Bedford, NY 10506 914-241-6085		
Student Name: Barrientos Merchan, Rony	Perm ID: 17695		Grade: 12

Grade Detail		
Course Title	MP1	Teacher
AVID 12	100	Monchinski, T.
Eng 4: Writing Intensive	97	Whalen, D.
Financial Algebra	97	Sansone, E.
Health	97	Burns, T.
PE Semester 1	P	Marinich, D.
Science of Natural Disasters	81	Dossena, J.