



Club Rotario Puerto Vallarta Sur

Becas (Scholarship) Program

The purpose of Programa de Becas is to provide the children of poor families, in the Puerto Vallarta area, with the opportunity of a good education; thus enabling them to have a better standard of living than has been available to most of their families.



Programa de Becas began in 1996, when members of Club Rotario Puerto Vallarta Sur noticed that many bright young students were dropping out of school at age twelve, after completing grade six. In Mexico, it is mandatory that children attend school up to age twelve but, many poor families could not afford to have their children remain in school past that age.



The original plan was to bring ten new students into the plan at grade seven, and sponsor them through to the end of grade nine, when they would have been going into Preparatoria (grade ten).



At the time, the Club was planning to support all the students. The beginning of 1997, it was suggested the Club approach visiting Rotarians and ask for assistance supporting students, of Programa de Becas; and the results were overwhelming.



We now have four separate programa de Becas with some 250 students, sponsored by friends, and Rotarians from Mexico, Canada, and the USA. Individual programs are sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Calgary and Saskatoon, Canada; as well as Ohio, USA.



The money is intended for the purchase of school uniforms, appropriate footwear, text books, note books, miscellaneous school supplies, and the payment of school related fees. The requested amounts do not cover all the student's expenses but, in most cases, it is enough to allow the family to keep the child in school



When a sponsor joins the program, a specific student is assigned to that sponsor, and the sponsor and student are “paired” for as long as they both remain in the program.



The sponsor will receive a “student profile” with a picture and brief account of the student’s current situation and how he/she is doing in school, along with a Thank You letter written by the student, to the sponsor.



We are at a point now where we have students graduating from University. Some of these University graduates would not have made it past grade six without the financial assistance and, in some cases, encouragement supplied by their sponsors.



Any time the sponsor visits Puerto Vallarta, every effort is made, by the Club, to arrange a meeting between the sponsor and student. A number of close relationships have been formed between sponsors and students.



NEW SPONSORS

We are looking for new sponsors, both to help existing students who have lost their sponsor, and to pick up new students once we have all the current students covered. Students are sponsored by Rotarians, friends, and Rotary Clubs. If a long term commitment is not possible “one time” donations are also a great help.




The annual cost of sponsorship is:

Secundaria (Middle School)	\$250 US
Preparatoria (High School)	\$300 US
University	\$350 US

If you are interested in sponsoring a student or would like more information, please contact Rotary Club members:

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Please include with your contribution the information shown on the form. This will assure we have all information necessary to enter into the Becas data base.



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Contributor's Name _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Amount Contributed \$ _____ (Dollars or Pesos)

For the School Year _____

Student Assigned – Yes _____ No _____ If Yes who _____

Comments or Special Instructions _____

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