

How We Work



Canyon Scholars is a unique family/student/community self-help program. It offers opportunities to help families in the Copper Canyon of Mexico continue the education of their children beyond elementary school. Scholarships are provided through individual relationships between sponsors and children that defray the costs of uniforms, books, and school materials they otherwise would be unable to afford. The sponsors receive letters and school reports from their students. The students receive payments to purchase specific items for which they provide receipts as they learn how to handle

money. Their parents receive support through group meetings and assistance in developing gardens and sustainable agriculture. Canyon Scholars also offers community development opportunities in the form of specific projects, such as a greenhouse for a school, an outdoor community sports court, and water containment facilities for individual families.

Student Responsibilities

When students are approved for scholarships they sign a contract agreeing to the following conditions:

1. Provide a monthly copy of their report card with a minimum grade point average of 8.0.
2. Pass a final examination in all subjects as well as maintain their grade average.
3. Demonstrate seriousness and responsibility in their studies.
4. Conduct themselves well in both school and their home or wherever they might be staying.
5. Provide receipts each month for the money received from the scholarship program for school-related items.
6. Give time to helping a school to be designated by the program.
7. Write the scholarship sponsor a personal letter at the end of the school year and provide a photo upon graduation.