

Hi My name is Maria Elizabeth Leon, I am mother of 4 children, they are 19, 16, 14, and 12 years old. We are a Christian family originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, and move to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania almost two years ago, because my oldest son was accepted in the University of Pittsburgh with a full scholarship for merits, it was great! But what was better for us it was when Andres asked; ..." Dad, are you and mom willing to come with me, If I decided to accept the scholarship? I would like you to come with me, to support my faith. He mentioned that he had seen some friends from the private and public school changing themselves from great students to drug dealers or single parents, so he said please come with me to help me to keep me on the faith specially in the area of science and Philosophy"...

We said Yes! With closing eyes, with No Family in the area, No work, No house, No friends, only trusting God we were doing the right thing, because it was my prayer for years to keep my family together.

(As Immigrant my husband and four children are my whole family.)

During the transition we decided to make Home School as it was my only option, because of the hardship time, they were happy learning in a different way, but it was hard for one of them, since I am not proficient in Math, and this child of mine has mild autism and ADHD, so... as a concerned mom, I thought... if I would do tamales or any kind of Mexican food to try to earn enough money to be able to pay the Private Christian School! Because kids with special necessities require to be in the right place, they grab easily everything they see or hear, what is good sometimes, but not always if what is around them is negative, that is why for me having this kid in the Private Christian School is fundamental. Even though I have to walk the extra mile, I have to say the tamales didn't come out well lol, but I was astonished when the administrator of Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy told me ..."No worries, if you cannot pay the tuition, we are not turning out any student because of the money, there are scholarship programs! It was a great relieve for me, because then my three kids were able to get into the Private Christian School! it's a blessing to my kids and everybody else who enjoy all the different programs Cornerstone Christian Prep. Academy offers, since the Bible class, robotics, band, choir, Spanish classes, between some other signatures.

I want to say thank you to the Representatives, Senators and Organizations who support this programs that helps students to pursue their dreams, and kindly request to you that please continuing supporting the Scholarship Program, this is a great opportunity for young people to achieve their goals not only for themselves, but for the community as well, since they are training to serve others.

Mathew [20:28](#) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Thanks and have a nice day!