

Why do I deserve this scholarship?

Confucius once said, "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop". My experience in Germany has been everything but simple, I came to study in Germany in August 2018, 3 semesters have gone by and I find myself backlogged in school. I came here with nothing, no blocked account or visa just with an EU passport and a dream. I was born and raised in Mexico and just like millions of other co-nationals who have left the country seeking a better future, I've worked a lot to be able to support myself since my family is not in a condition to send much.

After a couple of months and sleepless nights on an empty stomach, I finally managed to get a job at a Bakery where the German language wasn't necessary. I managed to secure an income but due to my status as a student, I was limited on how much I could earn. This was the reason why I decided to keep the bakery job and deliver newspapers at night to be able to finally stop worrying about food and start focusing on school. Some weeks went by until disaster struck, out of exhaustion, one day coming from delivering newspapers and thinking about getting to my 8 am class I had an accident where I broke my collarbone in 4 pieces. This sent me directly to the hospital where I was operated and kept under observation for a couple of days. Knowing my financial situation, I was in no condition to stop working so I hid my injury and immediately got another job cleaning glasses and stocking drinks with my good arm.

I came to Germany with a dream, learn from the best engineers in the world, go back home and apply the skills I've learned to improve working conditions, increase productivity while also look for ways to do it in a sustainable way to help thousands of people back home who breathe poison every day. Germany is a fully industrialized country just like Monterrey is a fully industrialized city, yet, here I breath clean air daily, how is it possible? That's the question I'm here to answer.

I've had some failures even though I look at them more like obstacles. I am now entering my fourth semester of Business and Engineering, I plan to complete my bachelor's degree and study a Master in Energy, Society and Sustainability with a focus on public engagement with energy issues, public support commercial investment in low carbon energy and most importantly behavioral change. I've seen the city I proudly call home disappear under clouds of smog and now I want to be part of the solution. I want to ensure children can soon hike our beautiful mountains and see the city I am not able to see anymore.

Why do I deserve this scholarship? Because I have a strong will, passion, and determination I'm not willing to give up on. By investing in my education, you will help me get the skills I need to help countless families and future generations enjoy a better quality of life. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me, and I look forward to building a strong and long-lasting relationship with your company.