



AGENDA REPORT

To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julia Fritz, City Clerk

Date: April 27, 2021

Subject: Discussion and Consideration Regarding the 2020-2021 Scholarship Awards Event and Related Matters

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Approve the date of Thursday, May 20, 2021 for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Awards Drive through event;
- b. Approve the event location at the City Hall Employee parking lot at the corner of First and Macneil Street (Attachment "A");
- c. Approve the final list of awardees and the scholarship amounts; and
- c. Provide additional direction, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

1. In December 2020, the San Fernando Education Commission ("Commission") announced the 2020-2021 Scholarship Program would be accepting applications through February 19, 2021.
2. On March 30, 2021, over 45 applications/essays were received, scored and the Commission awarded thirteen students to receive scholarship grants.
3. On March 30, 2021, an Awards Event Ad hoc committee was created and Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioner Robledo were appointed to serve on the committee. Direction was given to the Ad hoc committee to proceed with confirmation of potential event dates of May 20, 24 and May 25 and ratify the event is being held as a "drive through" awards ceremony, to help the spread of COVID-19.

The Education Commission selected thirteen preliminary student scholarship recipients for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Program. Due to certain Grade Point Average (GPA) eligibility requirement for the Pahola Moscaorro – Why Not You?, staff confirmed and verified that the selected student PM WNY 2 is disqualified and leaving student PM WNY 3 as the scholarship awardee. Therefore, the total number of scholarships is 12 in lieu of the initial 13 students.

Awarded recipients have been notified as well as school officials of the following verified final list of scholarship awardees for the San Fernando Education Commission's 2020-2021 5th Annual Scholarship Programs:

Republic Services Cesar Chavez Scholarship - \$1000

Regina Velazquez, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center

Pahola Mascorro-Why Not You? Scholarship - \$250

Jasmine Prado, UC Davis

Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship - \$500

Edgar Sandoval, Social Justice Humanitas Academy

Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship \$500

Braulio Garcia, Social Justice Humanitas Academy

Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship - \$250/each

Mahika Ahmed, Academy of Scientific Exploration

Ariadna Rayo, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center

Darly Vasquez Rosa, Academy of Scientific Exploration

Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship - \$250/each

Brianna Villasenor, Academy of Scientific Exploration

Angelina Duran, Academy of Scientific Exploration

Marco Joven Dominguez, Social Justice Humanitas Academy

Unheard Voices Scholarship - \$250

Karen Olivares, Social Justice Humanitas Academy

Environmental Sustainability Scholarship - \$250

Melanie Madrigal, UC Davis (formerly Vaughn Next Century Learning Center)

BUDGET IMPACT:

The scholarship funds awarded to the students are paid for entirely by donations and therefore there is no budget impact.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission ratify the list of recipients awarded, approve the drive through awards event date of May 30, 2021, and discuss related recommendations, as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Event Site – Parking Lot Map

ATTACHMENT "A"

