

And the Winners are..... By Raquel Ysasi-Huerta, DOE

We are happy to say that this year we surpass the previous numbers of individuals that submitted applications for our scholarship programs. As you know we have scholarship programs that benefit not only our members and their dependents, but we also have to scholarship programs that help those individuals with financial needs.

Member Tuition Reimbursement Program is for NHCFAE members only, to be eligible for this program members must have been enrolled and completed a program or course in higher education, from the previous calendar year. This year the following members received tuition support.

Magda Batista-Carver- Capital Chapter  
Michelle Benitez- Capital Chapter  
Cynthia Garcia- MMAC  
Raul Garza- ANM Chapter  
Yamileth Gonzalez-Iribarren- ASO Chapter  
Yadira Lacot- Capita Chapter  
Justin Lindgren-ASW/ABQ Chapter  
Fernando Marquez- ASW Chapter  
Jacqueline Naranjo- Capital Chapter  
Victoria Rogers- AWP Chapter  
Manuel Ruiz- ANM Chapter  
Marie Sanchez- AWP Chapter  
Ken Sharp-AWP Chapter  
Erica Vasquez-ASW/ABQ Chapter

NHCFAE-FEEA Scholarship Program is for current civilian federal employees who are members of NHCFAE and their dependent family members (spouse/child). All applicants must be current high school seniors or college students working toward an accredited degree and enrolled in a two or four year undergraduate, graduate or post graduate program. We are happy to announce this year's three winners.

Breanna Borrego, daughter of Tony and Sylvia Borrego, ASW Chapter  
Courtney Contreras, daughter of Vicki Contreras, ASW Chapter  
Amanda Higgins, daughter of Paul Higgins, AWP Chapter

Along with the two programs listed above we have two scholarships that allow us to reach out to the community both of these scholarships are in memory of two of our beloved members, Rene Matos, who was President of NHCFAE from 1989-1992, and Danny Gutierrez, who was the National Director of Resources at the of his passing.

Both of these scholarships take into consideration the following six areas, Participation in co-curricular activities, leadership in co-curricular activities, participation in extra curricular activities, leadership in extra-curricular activities, participation in community activities, academic honors/awards received, grade point average and last but not least

financial need. The difference is that for the Rene Matos Scholarship, the applicant can study in any field and the Danny Gutierrez Scholarship is geared for those students who are study engineering and/or electronics.

The following ten individuals were selected for the Rene Matos Scholarship,

Christopher Loedel – Fort Worth, Texas  
Robert Rincon – Chicago, Illinois  
Lurdes Hernandez-Hernandez – Mossyrock, Washington  
Efren Espinosa, Brownville, Texas  
Christina Trujillo – Las Vegas, New Mexico  
Margo Martinez – Falfurrias, Texas  
Jolene Valdez – Houston, Texas  
Crystal Elusta – Chicago, Illinois  
Tanya Everett-Heggie – Quincy, Massachusetts  
Jennifer Espinoza – Laredo, Texas

The Danny Gutierrez Scholarship was created by the Western Pacific Chapter (AWP), and each year they select one winner, this year's winner is Danny Mota – from Blacksburg, Virginia.

Congratulations to this year's winners. If you have any questions on any of the scholarship programs, feel free to send a message to [doe@nhcfae.org](mailto:doe@nhcfae.org), and look for information on next year's scholarship program on our website, [www.nhcfae.org](http://www.nhcfae.org), in the near future.