

WINNING ATTITUDE

Scholarship Application

Basic Skills Department – WIN Program

A. Student Section

Date: 5/17/08


Student Name: Adrian Gonzalez

Student ID #: 880-97-2270

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City State Zip

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Student Signature: 

Please use the space below to describe why you are deserving of this scholarship and how you would use these funds to continue your education. You may include any important personal background or experience that demonstrates your commitment, discipline, and perseverance in obtaining your education.

Please submit this completed application in the attached envelope by the final closing deadline: May 19, 2008.

B. Faculty RecommendationStudent Name ADRIAN GONZALEZ

	Poor	Average	High	Excellent
Attitude Towards Learning				✓
Progress				✓
Perseverance				✓
Commitment to Excellence				✓
Educational Goals				✓
Career Goals				✓
Ability to Overcome Obstacles				✓
Extracurricular Activities				✓

Please explain why you believe this student is uniquely deserving of this scholarship and describe any other outstanding personal qualities or achievements that you have observed.

Dear Selection Committee,

I am proud to write this letter of recommendation for Adrian Gonzalez as a candidate to receive your scholarship. Adrian would be an outstanding selection to receive your honorable award. I have become familiar with Adrian during the last two years as a coach and a teacher, but have known him for several years as he is the second family member to have been involved in our programs.

Adrian has been an outstanding leader for our cross country team. His leadership earned him the role of captain for our 2007 team that placed third at the State Cross Country Championships. He is an All Conference Selection in both Cross Country and Track and Field. His determination really stood out this spring as he ran his last race for Mt. SAC. Suffering with a nagging injury, Adrian pushed and limped through a 6.25 mile race, refusing to give into his pain. Any less determined person would have given up. It was a shining reflection of Adrian's admirable character.

Currently, Adrian has a 3.5 GPA. This has been accomplished despite working a part-time job, competing in intercollegiate athletics, and participating in the many special events as a volunteer. These events include working many long hours at the Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational (the largest meet on the planet), the Footlocker Inv., the Mt. SAC Relays and as a special help with the Mt. SAC Youth Days, a weekend that brings over 8000 Jr. High and Elementary Students to Mt. SAC for a weekend of competition. These events would not be possible without special people like Adrian while they bring World Wide recognition to Mt. San Antonio College.

Adrian would be an exceptional, deserving choice to receive your scholarship. Your scholarship will benefit an individual that will make you proud of your selection.

Sincerely,

MIKE GOFF

Department Chair, Physical Education
 Head Women's Track and Field Coach
 Head Men's Track and Field Coach
 Ext 4356

Faculty Name (Print): mgoff Mike Goff

Date: 5/16/08

Faculty Signature: 

Please submit this completed recommendation in the attached envelope by the final closing deadline: May 19, 2008.

C. Personal RecommendationStudent Name Adrian Gonzalez

(Personal recommendations can be obtained from people such as a coach, an additional faculty member, a work supervisor, or friend)

	Poor	Average	High	Excellent
Attitude Towards Learning				✓
Progress			✓	
Perseverance				✓
Commitment to Excellence				✓
Educational Goals			✓	
Career Goals			✓	
Ability to Overcome Obstacles				✓
Extracurricular Activities			✓	

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(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER)

Name (Print): HECTOR SANCHEZDate: 5/15/08Signature: Hector Sanchez

Please submit this completed recommendation in the attached envelope by the final closing deadline: May 19, 2008.

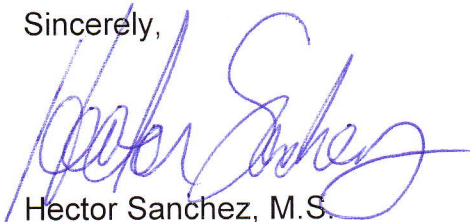
May 15, 2008

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Adrian Gonzalez. As his academic counselor I feel qualified to address his personal qualities and academic achievements. I first met Adrian at the beginning of the Fall 2006 semester. I was immediately impressed by his drive to obtain a college degree. His positive attitude and subsequent actions made it obvious to me that he is clearly committed to be the first in his family to earn a college degree.

He has demonstrated discipline in completing assignments, meeting deadlines, and has genuine enthusiasm for his chosen major. He has upped his performance each semester he has attended and is holding an outstanding 3.61 transferable GPA. As a first generation college student Adrian has overcome significant obstacles and challenges. He is successfully navigating the educational system all while dealing with crushing economic hardships. Not once has he used his economic situation to be an obstacle to his goal. Adrian has demonstrated that he is a capable student who overcomes challenges and seeks out opportunities. Through his own initiative he has been a referee for community soccer games.

I can assure you that Adrian has exceptional academic talent and is focused on obtaining his Bachelor's degree in kinesiology. This student is the epitome of a student-athlete. He embodies all that is integrity, tenacity and due diligence. In short, I give Adrian my highest recommendation and very much hope that the selection committee judges his application favorably. Should you require additional information, I may be reached at (909) 594-5611 ext 5188.

Sincerely,



Hector Sanchez, M.S.
EOPS Counselor

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"Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance." This quote was authored by Bruce Barton a successful business man and politician. I have worked throughout my academic and athletic career with this philosophy in mind. I have not let the obstacles in my life deter me from working to become a better scholar a better athlete and a better person. I have thus represented the school as best as my abilities allowed me both in the classroom and in the track. I have tried to give back to the school by volunteering in Student Senate (AS) where we worked collectively to improve the experience of students. I also have many plans for the future. This scholarship would be a great investment for my career plans. For this I believe I am deserving of the Winning Attitude Scholarship

I grew up as the youngest of four brothers. I was raised by my grandmother and my mother in Mexico until the age of nine. My mother came in and out of my life as she tried to make a future for my brothers and me in the US but always made sure to send aid to my grandmother to support us. Although I had been in the US before I was new to the language and culture. I worked hard to learn the language and came to really enjoy it. My family enjoyed a prosperous time up until my sophomore year of high school. My mother was unable to work due to her severe chronic Asthma. My stepfather whom she had met when My bothers and I were still in Mexico was having difficulties paying the mortgage. We then had to move to a one bedroom apartment my older brothers picked up jobs while still in high school. I began running errands for neighbors and working on their lawns to help out with the medical expenses for my mom. She needed to visit the doctor constantly and the expenses became heavy on my step father. As I graduated from high school it was difficult to see many of my friends go to big time universities such as UCLA and USC. I was unable to go to any universities due to financial issues. Because my mother never officially divorced my biological father his income was still applicable to me, even though he was only present in my infancy and did not aid my mother. My step father makes around 25 thousand, enough only for the necessities in the household. I had learned about Mt. SAC through my brother however. He competed in Cross-country in 2005. I saw his improvement as a runner and was soon eager to participate in the Mt. SAC Cross-country team.

In participating in Mt. SAC's Cross-country team I sought to enrich my academic experience. Soon however, as I competed alongside teammates that gave their best in every practice, while running 12 miles in 98 degree weather, doing ten, one mile repeats in the cold pouring rain. I soon found pride in being part of the team and representing my college. Competing was made fun and exciting alongside guys that like me, love running. As a result am confident every time I step onto the starting line. As well as every time I encounter a difficult trigonometry problem or find myself sitting with a biology test in front of me. I knew that with hard work I would succeed as I did in Cross-Country and Track. This success came as I became more dependable and more consistent by performing to the best of my abilities in a daily basis. Although there were many problems at home, which arose from our financial situation, I showed up early everyday to practice at seven in the morning. I also ran 20 miles on the weekend for five consecutive months. Athletics is not an area of immediate satisfaction as I have learned. I worked arduously to enjoy the satisfaction of an all conference award or a trophy at the XC state championship. With the fruits of consistence came great pride. Coming from high school I soon adopted the identity of a Mountie. I wear my sun-worn maroon track and field t-shirt and walk with absolute conviction through our school campus and in competitions. An appetite for success was fostered with our conference championship in the 2007 Cross-Country season. Where a "B" letter grade would have sufficed my freshman year, the idea that I could achieve better replaced that grade with an "A" the next semester. Suddenly it was not about which college would take me but which institution I wanted to attend. I wanted to become the first in my family to obtain a college degree and become a role model for my family and community.

While I was competing I also represented Mt. SAC well by being competitive in the classroom. I maintained a 3.5 GPA throughout my competitive seasons and took honors classes. I became member of PTK and was inducted into the Dean's list. Most recently I was honored by becoming a Student of Distinction in the competitive category. I also took part in student government (AS). In this organization students volunteer their time working collectively to represent the students in our campus and enriching their college experience. This was accomplished by organizing events such as a Holiday celebration with gifts, awards, and activities we helped build school spirit for our campus. As Athletic Senator I represented the school's competitive teams. I organized events to make known the success of our athletic teams like Soccer as well as our competitive teams such as Forensics. I have also taken part in clubs such as the Italian club the Psychology club and MECHA I am also working part-time as a soccer referee for which I take various classes after school twice a week as I am working towards becoming a National Referee in order officiate professional matches all over the country. I also volunteer in a local youth soccer league PYSL in Pomona as board member organizing events such as tournaments and celebrations.

All of the activities I have been involved in have fostered many career interests. Currently I am majoring in Psychology with a focus on family therapy. With the help from this scholarship I want to pave the way into a career that would allow me to give back to my community. Volunteering for PYSL has opened my eyes to the many issues in the low income families that remain unresolved. Issues such as alcoholism and domestic violence as well as negative peer-pressures that arise from gang influence as well as drugs, which are very present in many of these kid's daily lives. I would like to reach these families through a neutral medium which is soccer. I would then like to help these young men and women cope with the many pressures they face in a daily basis. I would also like to teach and have my own athletic store business. Eventually I would also like to coach both running and soccer. I have many objectives to fulfill and I am working hard to accomplish them. At the same time I have sought to represent my school well and I find great pride in competing as a Mountie I have given great effort to become a better scholar, a better professional and a better friend. Some people ask me why I run so much and I believe this answer applies to all aspects of life. I know that for all my efforts today I am faster than yesterday and tomorrow I will be faster than today. I find great satisfaction in knowing that I reap the benefits of what I myself have built through hard work and dedication. For this I believe I deserve your financial help which will be a good investment and important help towards my education.



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June 4, 2008

Adrian Gonzalez
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Dear Adrian:

Your application for the WINNING ATTITUDE Scholarship sponsored by the Basic Skills Department, WIN Program, has been received. Your application was well written and we are impressed with your accomplishments in the classroom and in athletics. The mention of your goals your interest in helping others was very inspiring. It is evident that you have masterfully managed your demanding schedule as well as the challenges in your daily life.

It is with great pleasure that we award you the WINNING ATTITUDE Scholarship 2008 for \$500.00. There were numerous applicants and the selection committee believes that you accurately represent the scholarship criteria. It is our understanding that you are planning to attend a university in the Fall 2008 with the goal of earning your undergraduate degree.

Your scholarship award will be sent directly to California State University, Fullerton. If you have any questions regarding this award, you may contact me at 909-594-5611 ext. 4845.

Congratulations on receiving the WINNING ATTITUDE Scholarship! We wish you the best of luck in your personal and educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madelyn A. Arballo".

Madelyn A. Arballo
Director, Basic Skills
Mt. San Antonio College

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