



# Young American Dreamers

Tomorrow's Leaders; Taking Action Today

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*The Young American Dreamers were founded in May of 2010 by Maria Isabel. She saw so many injustices being done daily, especially towards farmworkers, immigrants, & low income communities. She took action through charity, community service, and worked for social justice in an attempt to improve her community. She led by example and showed others that instead of simply pointing fingers about the issues, it was better to lend a helping hand to find a solution. Tragically, Maria Isabel lost her life on June 24, 2012 in a traffic accident as she was returning home from a meeting with local youth leaders. The YOUNG AMERICAN DREAMERS, in honor of her work and dedication, present this annual scholarship funded by the Barajas & Martinez families.*

## MARIA ISABEL BARAJAS-MARTINEZ LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

**Award: \$1000**

### Requirements:

- MUST be under the age of 25
- MUST be currently enrolled in college/university
- MUST be an ACTIVE member of an organization the works toward CHARITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, or COMMUNITY SERVICE
- Have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Copy of OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS
- Two letters of Recommendation (one from the organization)
- Write a short essay
- Be attending institute of higher education in **Polk/Hillsborough/Orange County**



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Name (First, Last, & MI): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently employed? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If so, where: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in becoming involved and participating in events and activities as a supporter of the Young American Dreamers? [ ] Yes [ ] No If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a 1200-1500 word essay on the following topic:



Maria Isabel became involved in the plight for social justice at a young age & continued fighting until the day she lost her life. As an active member of your community, how has social injustice, activism, and works of Maria Isabel Barajas-Martinez influenced/inspired you to continue to improve your community?



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Turn In Check List (Please Enclose in This Order):

- Completed Application
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcript:
- Essay \_\_\_\_\_ words

**Packet must be received or postmarked by August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please mail to:**

*Young American Dreamers, Inc.*

*MARIA ISABEL BARAJAS-MARTINEZ LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP*

*P.O. Box 1137*

*Auburndale, FL 33823*

I certify that all the information I have provided is true. I understand that the Young American Dreamers are a community youth group and are not obligated to keep me updated on the status of my application. If I have not heard from YAD by August 17<sup>th</sup>, I will understand that I was not selected. However, they will let me know via email and telephone (which I have provided) if I am selected as the winner of the 2019 Maria Isabel "Leadership Scholarship". I also understand that to collect my scholarship, I must be present at YAD's Scholarship Ceremony at a location to be determined in Polk County, on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. I will also be required to complete a W-9 IRS form before the check is given to me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE:** *Young American Dreamers will keep all paperwork turned in. They will shred all copies after two weeks after the deadline for security purposes. They will not keep or disclose information. They will only keep name, number, and email in order to contact you for future scholarship information.*