

Bolivian Quaker Education Fund “Sponsor-a-Scholar” Program Guidelines

Introduction:

One simple way to experience fellowship with Bolivian Friends is to sponsor a BQEF scholarship student. As a sponsor you will exchange communications regularly with your scholar, and know you are assuring support for their education. An entire year of higher education can be sponsored for only \$50 per month (\$600 per year).

Overview:

1. Individuals, families, meetings, or other organizations can become a sponsor. The sponsor agrees to a tax-deductible contribution of \$600 per year, \$500 in direct support of the scholar, \$100 for administrative expenses which make the program possible. Sponsorships may be paid monthly, quarterly, or annually, via checks or online at www.bqef.org/howtohelp.htm (click on the Network for Good button).
2. Scholars generally finish their education in either 3 years for a technical degree (which in Bolivia includes teaching certificates), or 5 years for an academic degree. BQEF recommends that sponsors support the scholar through the end of their studies, with an annual renewal of commitment.
3. Sponsors will work with the Sponsorship Committee to select a scholar to sponsor, or can have one chosen for them if they prefer. (See Sponsorship Application on reverse).
4. Scholars must have their own address or e-mail to write to their Sponsor. Choice of language will be determined by the expressed preferences of the sponsor and scholar, and can be changed if needed.
5. The sponsor and scholar agree to communicate through email and/or letters about their activities and interests. Specifics are helpful in building a richer understanding. Both sponsor and scholar are encouraged to take digital photos of their family, friends, Meeting and meetinghouse/church, etc. for sharing.

Suggested topics for writing include:

For Sponsors and Scholars:

- Introduce one or more members of their family or Meeting/Church, through photos and/or descriptions.
- How many members are in their family or Meeting/Church? What are their likes, dislikes, activities, hopes, dreams?
- History and/or activities of their Meeting/Church. How is the scholar or sponsor involved, how do they use their education or other gifts to help their church, how big is their congregation?
- A description of your neighborhood or community. Where do you live?

For Individual Sponsors: Memories of student days, current profession.

For Scholars: A description of your studies. How is your course work going? (Both the successes and the difficulties). How much time is left to finish your studies? How do you hope to use your education? What are your future plans or goals?

If you are interested in creating fellowship by sponsoring a BQEF scholar and helping to assure their education, please complete the Scholarship Form on the reverse and return it to: BQEF, 11253 Boston Road, East Concord, NY 14035, or go to the form online at www.bqef.org/sponsorship.htm.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Simkin at 315-364-8244 or simkinjp@baldcom.net.

Bolivian Quaker Education Fund
"Sponsor-a-Scholar" Program Application and Agreement

Thank you for generously agreeing to sponsor a Bolivian Quaker scholar! Please complete the following form so the Scholarship Committee can match you with a scholar, and for our records.

Sponsor: _____ Address _____

Contact: _____

Alternate: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I/We prefer to:

a. sponsor a female student _____ male student _____ no preference _____

b. sponsor a student studying in the following field _____ any _____

c. communicate directly with my/our scholar in Spanish _____

have communications translated to and from English _____

You may list my/our name in your outreach materials as a scholar's sponsor: Y ___ N ___

Once we receive this completed form you will be sent names, pictures, and brief bios for a selection of students. It is more convenient for us to communicate by e-mail, but if that doesn't work we can use regular mail.

Sponsorships begin in the month following receipt of the first payment. Please make your selection as soon as possible after receiving scholar information.

I/We, _____, agree(s) to sponsor a student through Bolivian Quaker Education Fund for one year of studies, for the amount of \$600. I/We have read the sponsorship guidelines and agree to respond to communications from my/our scholar.

My/Our contribution will be paid: (please choose one)

Monthly (12 payments of \$50) _____ Dates of Payment _____

Quarterly (4 payments of \$150) _____ Dates of Payment _____

Annually (1 payment of \$600) _____ Date of Payment _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Thank You!