

MAYAN FAMILIES

Sponsorship/Scholarship Program Changes 2020-2021

For the students

New Scholarship is replacing
Receiving a lump sum payment at the beginning of the year so that families can purchase locally what they need for school	Receiving shoes, backpacks and school supplies at the beginning of the year
Conditional cash transfer three times a year if students stay in school and complete scholarship agreements	Reimbursements for school, enrollment and exam fees throughout the year
In-community meetings with staff to turn in grades and receive payments and support	Travelling monthly to our central office in Panajachel
Workshops, mentoring and holistic training for students and their parents	Participation in community service, without a holistic plan for personal and professional development
Working with whole classrooms, schools and communities to provide training and resources	Working only with specific individual students

For the sponsors

New Scholarship is replacing
Seeing natural, fun pictures of students at the start of the year and with their graduation certificate	Seeing pictures of students' report cards
Receiving creative projects from students, expressing their culture, personality, and lives through art for sponsors	Receiving letters from students throughout the year
Seeing student information and pictures via a SmugMug link, which is regularly updated	Access to pictures and a biography via the Sponsorship Portal on the website
Sending food assistance to a student's family to support their health and wellness, and reduce malnutrition	Sending personal gifts or donations for extra costs to students
Visiting students in the Mayan Families office	Visiting students in their homes

Timeline of communication that sponsors will receive

