

MAYAN FAMILIES

Sponsorship/Scholarship Program Changes 2020-2021

For the students

New Scholarship ...

Receiving a lump sum payment at the beginning of the year so that families can purchase locally what they need for school

Conditional cash transfer three times a year if students stay in school and complete scholarship agreements

In-community meetings with staff to turn in grades and receive payments and support

Workshops, mentoring and holistic training for students and their parents

Working with whole classrooms, schools and communities to provide training and resources

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Receiving shoes, backpacks and school supplies at the beginning of the year

Reimbursements for school, enrollment and exam fees throughout the year

Travelling monthly to our central office in Panajachel

Participation in community service, without a holistic plan for personal and professional development

Working only with specific individual students

For the sponsors

New Scholarship ...

Seeing natural, fun pictures of students at the start of the year and with their graduation certificate

Receiving creative projects from students, expressing their culture, personality, and lives through art for sponsors

Seeing student information and pictures via a SmugMug link, which is regularly updated

Sending food assistance to a student's family to support their health and wellness, and reduce malnutrition

Visiting students in the Mayan Families office

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Seeing pictures of students' report cards

Receiving letters from students throughout the year

Access to pictures and a biography via the Sponsorship Portal on the website

Sending personal gifts or donations for extra costs to students

Visiting students in their homes

Timeline of communication that sponsors will receive

Start of the year

Mid-year

End of the year



Creative student pictures, and email updates



Update email with student's art project, and information about their grade level and/or school

Creative student pictures, with graduation certificates, and a general update email