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Protectors of the Dream Grant Recipients Give Back Organizing a College/Scholarship Application Workshop for Dreamers by Dreamers

Houston, TX (October 8, 2012) – The Protectors of the Dream is proud to announce that its intern team has organized a College and Scholarship Application workshop for DREAMERS by DREAMERS.

On September 24, the Protectors of the Dream awarded their first round of \$465 grants to cover the filing fees for Deferred Action. Recipients were selected based on many aspects including service to the community. These same youth continue to give back.

Ana Escalona is an independent international development and non-profit consultant with experience in microfinance, education and immigration and is chairperson for the Protectors of the Dream Grant Selection Committee. Ms. Escalona's mission was to identify leaders, DREAMERS whose stories shed a positive light on our community and who want to give back and improve their communities. "The 20 finalists definitely demonstrated these attributes through their application," Escalona said, "The winners of this first round simply stood out."

The Selection Committee identified several common threads among these 20 winners of DACA filing fee grants:

- Many of them have struggled in their life as a result of being undocumented, some have not seen their parents in years due to deportation, some have faced difficult health problems, yet they have come out stronger from the obstacles they have faced. They have chosen hard work over giving up.
- They share: Love for this country, they value the opportunities they have had and they want to participate in the country's future prosperity.
- They are optimistic about their future and while they realize that deferred action is only the first step, they have chosen to take advantage of the opportunity and have chosen hope over fear.
- They are goal oriented, they know exactly where they're going.

College/Application Scholarship Seminar for DREAMers by DREAMers

Topics: TAFSA, Financial Aid, Scholarships, College Application process,

Learn about programs, Meet other Dreamers

When: October 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: La Torre Latina, 150 West Parker (I-45N), Houston, Texas 77076; 4th Fl, Rm 401

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