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Selection Committee  
Scholarship Application  
Hispanic Scholarship Fund

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Dear Selection Committee;

I am pleased to write in support of Joshua Breto's scholarship application to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. I have known Josh as a student in our First Year Writing Program at The Ohio State University. He was a valued member of our English 110.01 section in the Winter Quarter of 2009. Josh is a highly motivated, intelligent and enthusiastic learner.

Josh is prone to careful consideration of all the elements within a classroom discussion before rendering his own well-researched opinions. His comments are relevant, creative and insightful. He has a passionate reserve and genuine sincerity when responding to student perspectives. He exhibits a high degree of integrity and respect for all of his peers. Josh's in-class contributions always lend weight to the critical conversation.

Josh works hard in all of his writing endeavors and, through his struggles with the written word, has developed a fine critical voice and mature writing style. Josh's analytical research paper analyzed the current immigration debate through the lens of Tony Kaye's film *American History X*. His analysis was apt, engaging and well-researched. In writing for a more public audience, Josh decided to tackle the political implications and discrepancies inherent in maintaining the current legal drinking age of twenty-one in the United States, while allowing military service to begin at age eighteen.

He works hard, knows how to prioritize and is able to make well-informed decisions. He is a model student worthy of your scholarship program. I am confident that his success on the soccer field will continue to be equally matched by his academic performance in the classroom. His passion for learning and drive to succeed are an indelible part of his work ethic. He tells me that he is pursuing a Bachelors degree in Regional Planning from the Knowlton School of Architecture. He also plans to pursue a career in professional soccer. His ambition and motivation are his greatest assets.

He recognizes the value of tapping one's potential to the fullest. Your scholarship will help Josh realize his full potential. Josh's dedicated work ethic enables him to thrive athletically and academically at a Division I and Research I Institution. He will make HSF and OSU proud. He is passionate about his family, faith, community and commitments. He is a most deserving young man.

I am confident that Josh will continue to be productive in his athletic and academic collegiate pursuits. Please give his application your most serious consideration. If I can offer any further insight, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [ben-nasr.1@osu.edu](mailto:ben-nasr.1@osu.edu).

Sincerely,

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