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## **Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation issues 30 scholarships**



A record number of scholarships was granted today by the Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation. As many as thirty recipients were beaming with joy at the opportunity to further their studies. The foundation was established to honor a young cyclist, twenty-eight year Ariel Rosado, who was tragically killed in May 2011. His father, Alvaro Rosado, said the number of scholarships has grown by leaps and bounds. Duane Moody and intern, Chelsea Wagner, put together the following report.

### **Chelsea Wagner, Reporting**

The Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation is granting more scholarships this year to primary, secondary and tertiary level students from several districts. There were a total of thirty scholarships. Today, members of the Board made presentations to the successful candidates at the third annual awards ceremony held at the Lion's Den on Princess Margaret Drive.

### **Alvaro Rosado, President, Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation**



Alvaro Rosado

*“The foundation has been in existence for two and a half years. We certainly did not expect to reach these heights that we’ve reached with thirty scholarships for the year. As you heard today, we are giving ten scholarships for primary school students to learn to sail with the Belize Sailing Association; seventeen high school scholarships covering the cost of all fees and books and three university scholarships to Galen University. The foundation now expects to plateau off at thirty scholarships a year. We started with fourteen scholarships the first year. We increased that to twenty-seven scholarships then we went to thirty this year. Of the thirty this year, three are replacements for three who graduated—four are replacements actually for four who graduated—one is a university student and three from high schools. So we have replaced those four and we have added three new high school scholarships so it’s a total of thirty scholarships.”*



**Reporter**

“Tell us about the requirements for people to qualify for the scholarships? What are you looking for?”

**Alvaro Rosado**

*“The basic requirement is need. Our website, [arielrosadofoundation.bz](http://arielrosadofoundation.bz) is accessible to the public and they can download the application forms there. The basic requirement is that you must be accepted into a school. If you are applying for a high school scholarship, you must have been accepted into a high school. After that, it is need... who is the poorest person will get the scholarship. Your grades don’t have to be the highest one, but it is based on need.”*

Not meeting the institution’s requirements would result in disqualification of the scholarship. But for thirteen year old Libertad student, Justin Williams, this is the second time he has received assistance. He spoke of the opportunity provided by the foundation.



Justin Williams

**Justin Williams, Scholarship Recipient**

*“I feel proud and very thankful to Mister Rosado for giving me the scholarship so that I can go further with my studies. I have hard times sometimes, but I know that I could have done it through the years. I would like to be a doctor when I grow up.”*

**Chelsea Wagner**

“Could you tell us what you had to go through in order to get this far?”



Ashanti Wade

**Ashanti Wade, Scholarship Recipient**

*“Well a lot of hard work, listening to the advice of others; studying of course, staying up late and night and yeah; that’s it.”*

**Chelsea Wagner**

“What are your goals for the future?”

## **Ashanti wade**

*“I want to become a forensic pathologist and when I have accomplished my studies, maybe I can help out with Ariel Rosado Memorial Education Foundation.”*

The scholarships were funded through partnerships with various organizations including Smart, B.T.B., Galen University, the Belize City Council, Bowen and Bowen, the Belize Bank among others. Public Relations Officer of Smart, Linette Canto told us why Smart found it important to join in on this cause.



Linette Canto

### **Linette Canto, Public Relations Officer, SMART**

*“We believe that it is a worthy initiative. Education is really important and there are many young people out there who, because of financial constraints, do not have access to good education. So we believe that this foundation is doing something very impressive and we wanted to be a part of it and that’s why we came on board.”*

The Foundation will be establishing a resource center available for use by its recipients.  
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