



Dear Candidate,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been nominated to apply for a Countdown to College Scholarship. If you are selected you will receive an all-expense paid trip to Saint Mary's University in Minnesota to participate in the Countdown to College Program (C2C) which is held this summer from July 18-August 1, 2015. It is a four-year program; if you fulfill the requirements, you will be invited back each summer during your high school career. Then, when you complete the program, you will have the opportunity to apply for the Saint Mary's University full scholarship program, which includes tuition, room & board, and books for four years. This is an extraordinary opportunity!

Why are you so lucky? Well, your Nativity, San Miguel, or Cristo Rey School has identified you as one of their rising stars in the freshman class of 2015. Your teachers and administrators think you are a student who would make the most of this opportunity. They believe in your academic and leadership abilities and are confident that you would do well in C2C. They know you will represent your school well!

The application process is simple. Take this letter and application home to your parents or guardians. Fill out the form and have your parents complete ***The Parent Statement***. Bring the form back to your school. Once all the forms are back, you will meet with the graduate support director or nominating teacher and complete a ***Student Application*** during a supervised writing session. Before the end of the school year, you will be notified if you have received the grant or not.

If you are chosen, you will come to Saint Mary's University on July 18, 2015. Transportation will be provided by Saint Mary's for students and their parents/guardians. Your parents/guardians are invited to accompany you for the first weekend (July 18-19, 2015). Again, there is absolutely no cost to your family for this opportunity.

Only a few rising 9th graders have been selected to apply for this grant. I hope you recognize the importance of this opportunity and that you and your parents complete the application forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Edith Galvez at (507) 494-6162.

Good Luck!

Edith Galvez
C2C Program Coordinator



COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE (2015) GRANT APPLICATION

Student's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Home Address: _____

Phone : _____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

High School Attending: _____

Address: _____

Current School Contact: _____

Phone : _____ **Email** _____

Program Dates: July 18-August 1, 2015

Is PARENT/GUARDIAN available July 18-19, 2015? Yes No

Is STUDENT available July 18-August 1, 2015? Yes No

INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- A copy of your most recent report card
- A copy of your most recent standardized test scores
- Parent/Guardian Statement

STUDENT APPLICATION: See your nominating teacher or counselor to complete the Student Application under their supervision.

