



# Martha Barrios Mead Scholarship

## 2024 First Time Applicant



**Martha Barrios Mead** was a passionate bilingual speech pathologist and diagnostician, and together with Maritza Morelli, she was a key architect in the vision behind Los Niños Primero. Martha made a career of her own as a bilingual speech pathologist, serving children in elementary schools in California, and later in Cobb County, Georgia. We were fortunate enough to witness her love for education and the Latino community in Atlanta. Martha passed away after a 3-year battle with cancer in 2017, all the while serving on our Board of Directors and as a volunteer dedicated to expanding and implementing Los Niños Primero's mission: creating lifelong learners in the preschool Latin American community in Georgia.

In 2018, as the first Los Niños Primero preschool students were college-aged and considering their academic futures, an endowment was established to cement Martha's legacy: the Martha Barrios Mead Scholarship.

### Scholarship Description:

The Los Niños Primero Martha Barrios Mead Scholarship is designed to support Los Niños Primero participants in their pursuit of higher education. This scholarship is highly competitive and emphasizes financial need and academic merits and achievements.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must have participated in LNP as a student or volunteer for 2 years: a year of service is defined by serving at least 120 hours each year.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a 12th grade student with sufficient credits to graduate in the Spring of 2024 or currently enrolled as a full-/part-time in an accredited college, university, trade/technical school
- Applicants must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA based on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) and submit an official school transcript as proof of GPA
- Applicants may not be a family member or employees of persons who are involved in the development, production, or selection of scholarship recipients for this scholarship
- The application process for First Time Applicants involves **two** rounds of interviews. Applicants must complete the following application and submit a video interview to the members of the Los Niños Primero Martha Barrios Mead Scholarship Committee (more information on page 5). The committee will contact the applicants who move onto the next round of in-person interviews.

## Application Timeline:

January 8th, 2024	LNP MBM Scholarship Application Opens
February 9th, 2024	LNP MBM Scholarship Application Closes
February 12th - February 21st, 2024	MBM Scholarship Committee deliberates video interviews
March 2nd and 9th, 2024	In-person interviews at Mount Vernon
March 15th, 2024	Decision sent to each applicant
Last week of March	2024 MBM Recipients announced on LNP Social Media and Website

## To Submit the Application:

- Step 1:** After downloading and completing this form, save it in the following format:  
*Last Name\_First Time App*
- Step 2:** To submit your application, send it via e-mail to Lizbeth Zamora, Director of Youth Programs at  
[lizbeth.zamora@losninosprimerousa.org](mailto:lizbeth.zamora@losninosprimerousa.org)  
All applications (including video and transcript) must be submitted via email by February 9th at 11:59pm EST.
- Step 3:** Submit your official school transcript to Lizbeth Zamora, Director of Youth Programs at  
[lizbeth.zamora@losninosprimerousa.org](mailto:lizbeth.zamora@losninosprimerousa.org)
- Step 4:** Record and upload your interview question to the following [shared folder](#). Title your video in the following format:  
*Last Name\_First Time App*

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## General Information:

**First Name:**

**Last Name:**

**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):**

**Gender:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Home Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

## Education:

Are you a Los Niños Primero Alumni?

Yes  No

Current Grade:

High School Senior  
 College Sophomore

College Freshman  
 College Junior

What school do you currently attend?

What is your current GPA?

*\* Please submit your transcript to Lizbeth Zamora before the deadline.*

What College/University/Trade or Technical School do you plan to attend in the Fall of 2024?

If you are a college student and have declared a major, please indicate it here:

If you have not yet declared a major, please indicate the major(s) you are interested in pursuing:

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Please detail your financial need for the 2024-2025 academic year. *Include an estimate of your tuition and related expenses, existing sources of funding, scholarships, or financial aid you have secured.*

Tuition or Name of Financial Aid or Scholarship	Amount	Date received

## Experience:

How have you been involved with Los Niños Primero?

*Please select all that apply.*

LNP Alumni  Youth Volunteer  Leadership Program  
 Intern  LYRIC  Creciendo Juntas

How long have you been involved with Los Niños Primero?

2 years  3 years  
 4 years  5+ years

**List up to five other clubs/organizations/jobs in which you have been involved.**

Type of experience	Name of club, organization, or place of employment	Date of involvement (ex. June 2019 – June 2020)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

**List any academic honors and/or awards you have received.**

Name of honor/award	Date received

**List any hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities.**

Hobby/interest/activity	Date received

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## Short Essay:

Please respond to the following prompt in 500 words or less.

**In your own words, how has Los Niños Primero impacted your life?**

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## Video Interview:

First-Time Applicants are required to participate in the interview process. There will be two rounds: Self-recorded video interview, and in-person interview with the MBM Scholarship Committee. You will receive notification if you make it past the first round of interviews and the committee will schedule your in-person interview.

For the first round, the applicant must record a video on their phone and upload the short clip to a [shared folder](#). Please limit the time in your video to no more than 3 minutes. Title your video “*Last Name\_First Time Applicant*”

Please select one of the following prompts:

- 1. Why pursue a post-secondary or trade school education? Why is it important to you?**
- 2. Tell us about you! What makes you unique?**
- 3. Tell us about a time you set a challenging goal for yourself and how you accomplished it.**
- 4. Do others consider you as a leader? Do you have anyone who you view as a leader? Why do you consider that person as a leader?**