



Name: Mariana Torres Cruz

Birthdate: 13 April 2001

Grade: 10

Lives in: Suchitlan

Student Number: 5838

Mariana is creative, social and says she chooses for the most part to be happy so you'll pretty much always see her with a smile. Mariana lives with her parents and brother. Her mom stays at home to care for the family while her father works for a company contracted by the government to paint bridges throughout the state.

After graduating from high school, Mariana is planning to apply to the University of Colima. She intends to study education and achieve her goal of being a "great teacher." To relax, Mariana enjoys taking art classes, especially painting in a uniquely Colima style of art called "Rangelian." At home, Mariana is concerned with the level of petty crime that goes on in her community which she says is caused by poverty. She would like to see her community develop a program like Neighborhood Watch, which she says, could help create a better sense of community and safety for everyone.

Mariana is very thankful to be a Project Amigo student and to have such wonderful sponsors behind her. She says the best way she can repay her sponsors is to work hard, achieve her very best and make them proud.

Mariana is responsible for maintaining a GPA higher than 8.5, attending weekly homework club meetings and performing 10 hours a month of community service.

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