

The inaugural LaBranche Family Foundation (LFFINC) Scholarship was established by the LFFINC Board of Directors. LFFINC was founded in 2001, when the LaBranche Family was touched by an article in our neighborhood newspaper that shed light on two (2) families. Each family had a unique story; however, they shared one common thread. They felt invisible and were desperately in need of necessities during the Christmas season. As a result, we joined our community, adopted a family and so our story began.

The LFFINC became a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and hosted its first fundraiser in 2017. Due to the overwhelming generosity and support during its inaugural year, the LFFINC offered a \$1,000 scholarship to a Bolingbrook High School student admitted to a bachelor's or associate's degree granting program at an accredited college or university.

Scholarship Recipients for 2018

The LFFINC Education Committee was astonished by the outstanding academic accomplishments and extracurricular successes as demonstrated by our 2018 scholarship applicants!

So much so, that instead of the original \$1000 scholarship, we awarded **two (2) full \$1000 scholarships** and **one (1) partial \$500 scholarship** for 2018!

After much consideration, and a detailed assessment of personal need, academic achievements, career goals, extracurricular activities and character, the LFFINC Education Committee is pleased to announce the following students were awarded full, or partial scholarships for 2018:

\$1000

Nicole Nunez
Cristian Castillo

\$500

Cameron Falk

Scholarship Qualifications for 2018

To qualify for the LFFINC Scholarship, each applicant was required to be a current Bolingbrook High School Senior, on track to graduate in June 2018 and admitted to an undergraduate or associates degree granting program at an accredited college or university.

Each Applicant was required to provide an essay, which included details on background, educational goals, career goals and how this scholarship will help them to achieve those goals, in addition to academic and/or extracurricular achievements, cumulative grade point average (GPA), a copy of their high school transcript (official or unofficial) and two (2) letters of recommendations.

Applicants could not be related by blood or marriage to a LFFINC board or committee member.