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Self-Help Enterprises Awards \$6.5k in Scholarships

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Self-Help Enterprises has awarded \$6,500 in scholarship awards to nine local students in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement.

The Doris “Do” Dooley Scholarship, named after Self-Help Enterprises’ former Board member and dedicated friend of the organization, was established to help the children of families who have participated in one of Self-Help Enterprises’ programs to further their education.

In Tulare County, the scholarship recipients include:

- Lupe Lira-Ibarra – Lindsay (Self-Help Housing) – \$750

Lupe has become a role model and leader among her peers. In addition to being ranked 5th among her class of 221 students, Lupe is actively involved in College of the Sequoias TRIO/Upward Bound Math & Science Program, which helps first generation students excel in college. Lupe will attend California State University, Fresno where she will major in mathematics to become a math teacher who guides students towards their

own bright futures.

- Mayra Lira-Ibarra – Lindsay (Self-Help Housing) – \$750

Mayra holds a 4.02 GPA and participates in the Future Business Leaders of America club where she has placed among the top five in business competitions at the club’s Central Section Conference. Mayra plans to attend California State University, Fresno and pursue a degree in Liberal Arts or Liberal Studies as well as completing her multiple subject teaching credential to become an elementary school teacher.

- Karen Ruiz – Tulare (Self-Help

Housing) – \$750

Throughout high school, Karen has received school awards and has been a color guard member since her freshman year. As a senior, she was selected as a captain due to her leadership and organizational skills. Karen plans to attend College of the Sequoias for two years to work on her general education requirements and then transfer to a 4-year university to complete her bachelor’s degree and teaching credential.

Since 1997, Self-Help Enterprises has awarded 117 scholarships totaling \$93,750 to deserving students.