

## Iliana Reyes

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**To:** Iliana Reyes  
**Subject:** RE: GKAC Scholarship Renewal

Greetings!

My name is Joanne Jean and I am a second year English and Family Youth and Community Sciences Major at the University of Florida.

During the spring semester of my senior year in high school, I was frantically applying for scholarships and grants to fund my education post graduation. Admittance into college was definitely a dream come true however; being raised in a single parent household with 4 siblings, one of whom was already in college, was a factor that I thought would impede my chances of being able to pay for room and board. Even with the scholarships I was awarded, I still came up short.

Being selected as one of the Give Kids A Change Scholarship recipients was a blessing. Not only was I blessed with funds to allocate towards my first year in college, I was also given the option of reapplying for the same award every year for four years.

I just recently received my third installment and it couldn't have come at a more convenient time. My rent is paid. Books, classes, food; paid for.

I would like to thank the board of officials and everyone who made this possible for me. I am forever grateful.

God bless you and Go Gators!

Thankfully,

Joanne Jean