

BQEF Sponsor a Scholar Program

Today the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization guided by a dedicated board of directors, in consultation with Bolivian Quakers. Its mission is to **strengthen ties between Andean Quakers and those of North America and Europe through programs that: * enhance the educational opportunities of Andean Friends * nurture their service work * strengthen their schools * bring this work to the attention of Friends in North America and Europe.**

Scholarships for Quakers pursuing higher education are critical not only to their education but to improving the education of those students who will later teach.

This initiative supports the scholastic pursuits of the young members of Bolivia's largest yearly meetings, Misión Santidad de Amigos, INELA, and Amigos Central (which between them founded dozens of Quaker schools.)



Bolivian teacher Loida Cutipa, with her class in Sorata,

Based in La Paz, BQEF's scholarship committee is composed of Bolivian Quaker educators and other professionals. In 2003, the committee awarded fifteen scholarships. That number has increased to 50 in 2008, based on Bolivian Friends request. **But Scholarships still reach less than 20% of the over 300 qualified, needy students.**

BQEF maintains its assistance to eligible grantees for the duration of their studies. That commitment and the need for additional scholarships each year require an increase in available funds. With your help, BQEF can do more.

Please see enclosed insert for more details.

"With the scholarship I am able to study more and my grades have improved. Before, I was working at a fast-food shop, from seven in the evening until two or three in the morning, six days a week. In four weeks I earned about \$58 and was able to pay my tuition. Now with the scholarship of \$50 each month, I have stopped this work. I stay awake better during classes and can study without falling asleep. The scholarship has made all the difference for me."
~BQEF Scholar Ruben Ruiz

**Featured here is typical BQEF student:
Lyliam Nilda Condori Charca**



Name:	Lyliam Nilda Condori Charca
Age:	23
Born In:	La Paz City,
Church:	Ballivian MM, Santidad Amigos
Studies at:	Greater University of San Andres
Major:	Finance and Economics
Semester:	Fourth
Attends:	Full-Time
Lives:	With her mother, aunt and married older sister in El Alto's Rio Seco district.

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The newest and most direct way to personally interact with a young Bolivian!

You or your group can fund a scholarship for the higher education of a Quaker student in Bolivia.



2003 scholarship recipients with BQEF President Newton Garver and other Bolivian Friends

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