

My name is Ashley Nicole Ortiz. I am a senior at Clairemont High school. I enjoy many things such as reading and listening to true crime podcasts. I went to Cadman Elementary school when I made art for the San Diego County Fair that was judged. I then attended Creative Performing Media Arts (CPMA) Middle School where I loved participating in the arts such as dance and choir. Going from middle school to high school was a tough time for me. I had a lot of friends in middle school but sadly they did not go to the same high school as me. Luckily I made great new friends during the last few months of my freshman year. My sophomore year I did the San Diego workforce Externship and worked at the Fleet Science Center. The same year I led the toys for tots fundraiser at my high school. I am a member of art club. We started a mural my freshman year of a chieftain head which is our school's mascot. We planned to finish it our junior year but covid had other plans. So now we hope to finish it this school year. I was also involved in the Women's Empowerment club. We had self defense classes and had discussions about what was happening in the world. I am excited for the future and also very nervous. I plan to attend Mesa Community College in the fall of 2022. I will be getting an Associate of Science in paralegal studies. I then plan to transfer to San Diego State to get a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in criminal science and dual major in Psychology. Then I hope to go to law school. The financial opportunities this scholarship provides would allow me to strive towards my educational goals.