



Mija, Yes you can. ®

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**Mija, Yes You Can.® and Teen PoP Award \$2,000 in Scholarships to Local Students**

*El Paso, TX* — The second annual *Mija Pioneers One-Day Summer Program* welcomed students from across El Paso for a jam-packed day of mentorship, empowerment, and a peek inside the *Mija Professional Closet*, a space designed to prepare young people for future academic and career opportunities.

Thanks to the generous support of [Pioneers 21](#) and the **City of El Paso's Economic and International Development Department**, this one-day educational program was offered completely free to attendees. Through a grant, the Mija team was able to provide interactive sessions focused on leadership, career exploration, and building self-confidence.

As part of the program, participants were invited to submit personal essays for the *Mija Pioneer x Teen PoP Scholarship*. [Teen PoP](#) is a youth-led initiative founded by 8th grader **Nina Tawney**, who is on a mission to empower women and girls in the El Paso community. Teen PoP's first project supported the *Women's Fund of El Paso's 2025 Power of the Purse* event through purse donations and fundraising efforts.

Originally designed to award two \$500 scholarships, the Mija team was so moved by the heartfelt essay submissions that they matched Teen PoP's donation—allowing *four students* to receive scholarships. The recipients plan to use their awards to pursue future careers in aviation, real estate, meteorology, and the arts.

"We were blown away by the passion and ambition these students shared in their essays," said Iris Lopez, founder of *Mija, Yes You Can*. "Supporting their dreams is at the heart of our mission, and this collaboration with Teen PoP allowed us to do just that."

***Mija Pioneer x Teen PoP Scholarship Recipients:*** [CLICK HERE FOR MEDIA KIT](#)

- **Mia Santos**, student at Clint Early College, pursuing a future in **meteorology**.
- **Christopher Avila**, Riverside High School graduate, with plans to begin a career in **real estate**.
- **Joseph Muro**, Del Valle student, aspiring **animator and filmmaker**.
- **Addison Taylor**, EPCC Early College student, planning a future in **aviation**.

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**About 'Mija, Yes you can'®:**

Mija, Yes you can® is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and a proud featured fund for The Paso Del Norte Community Foundation's Community of Philanthropy. Our mission is to unite, encourage and remind women and young girls that an equal world is possible. We empower and advocate for women of all ages, races, ethnicities, social-economic status, sexual and gender identities to achieve gender equality in all aspects of life and we aim to provide resources and education to women and girls in order to help them achieve their ambitions in life. Donations made to the 'Mija, Yes you can' fund are tax deductible.