



Established in 1975, BAHIA has provided quality bilingual care and education to many children in the Alameda County. Our **Mission** is to provide families with high quality, nurturing, bilingual learning environments where children grow to become successful lifelong learners. Our **Vision** is that **BAHIA** will spread its promising practices in bilingual education, build deeper relationships with powerful partner organizations, attract a broader base of institutional funders, and improve systems on a programmatic and administrative level; this work could not be done without the support and help of our community, our families, and our volunteers.

### ***Isabel Blanco Ramirez Community Service Award – valued at \$3,000***

The **Isabel Blanco Ramirez Community Service Award** was created by her family, Maria Blanco, Daniel Ramirez and Amaya Blanco to keep her spirit alive in our hearts and community. 2019 is our sixth year of the **Isabel Blanco Ramirez Community Service Award** and we invite the eligible alumnae of BAHIA programs to apply.

Isabel was a former student of BAHIA's program and like many alumni, each have found themselves returning to our programs where lifelong friends and memories were made. Isabel volunteered in the summer of 2009 and it was here that we saw how drawn she was to children, community, culture and practicing her bilingual skills. Isabel was able to connect with our school agers through her creativeness, art and spoken word. Her family saw how the hours she spent at Bahia added to her creativity and how as a result of her community service, it became something that she was proud of. In honor of her memory and to the many students, who like her would like to return to BAHIA, a special community service award has been created to keep her spirit of mentorship alive and give our alumni the opportunity to serve as mentors for the younger generations.

This award is available thanks to the generosity of Blanco/Ramirez family and friends; and, in memory of our beloved Isabel, who unfortunately left this world sooner than we wanted. Isabel attended both Centro VIDA and Bahia School Age Program and later as a high school graduate volunteered her time at Bahia School Age Program. We want to share and spread her enthusiasm for volunteering and for the arts through this award. This is a paid internship to encourage BAHIA alumni to work at Bahia School Age Program and serve as a bilingual role model for the younger generations, as Isabel had. Friends, family and supporters of this inspirational award in Isabel's honor are invited and welcomed to donate and increase the opportunities for more than one student to receive and to keep her memory alive.



### ***Mentorship Program***

Alumni will be able to interact with the students and serve as role models for them through activities, tutoring, fieldtrips, etc. Alumni will also receive training on working with school age children ages 5 to 10.

### ***Professional and Leadership Development***

Alumni who receive the award will be able to work in the classroom with the students during the summer, assisting the lead teacher, helping with classroom activities, going on field trips with the class, and get hands on experience of how to run and manage a classroom and conduct or assist in an arts workshop with school age children.

We hope that through this internship our alumni find an opportunity to give back through their community service and to gain valuable experience in working with children.

### ***Eligibility Requirements***

- Must have attended BAHIA Inc. programs Centro VIDA , Bahia School Age Program, La Academia.
- Must commit to working for 30 hours a week for 7 weeks during the summer – and will be paid \$3,000.00
- Must be between the ages of 15-21
- Students 18-21 must be fingerprinted (at BAHIA's expense) and have clearance from Dept. of Justice

### ***Essay and Application***

To be considered for this award, please answer the **essay questions**, **complete the attached application** and include a **picture of yourself**. Submit via e-mail to [yesenia@bahaiinc.com](mailto:yesenia@bahaiinc.com) or hand deliver to 1000 Camelia Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. **Applicants will be notified by June 6, 2019**

### ***Essay Questions***

Please include answers to the following questions in your essay. Essay should be no more than 600 words, typed and double spaced.

1. **What are some of your greatest memories at BAHIA, Inc.?**
2. **What does community service mean to you and why do you think it's important?**
3. **Discuss a special accomplishment that sets you apart from others.**
4. **Briefly describe your long- and short-term goals.**

**Deadline for Applying: May 17, 2019 at 5:00PM**

**For additional information/Q&A please email [Yesenia@bahaiinc.com](mailto:Yesenia@bahaiinc.com)**