Argos boosts the professional future of 20 young people

- The company has launched its new program, called "Scholarships for Regional Development", which, in its first year, provided 20 higher education scholarships for young people from 6 of the country's departments.
- The scholarships include tuition and an allowance for housing, food and transportation.

As it is convinced that the foundations of the future are built through qualitative education, Argos has created the program "Scholarships for Regional Development", which will contribute to 20 young people's desire to pursue a post-secondary degree in both public and private universities across the country.

With this initiative, the company is reaffirming its commitment to development on a regional level, as it promotes education as an opportunity to obtain a better quality of life for the students and their families, and it contributes to creating a country with more professional job offers.

Today, Wednesday, December 17, at an event organized at Medellín's Explora Park, the company, by means of its Argos Foundation, officially delivered this benefit to the young people that were selected, who are from the departments of Antioquia, Bolívar, Boyacá, Santander, Sucre and Valle, and who, together with their family, celebrated this recognition and the studies they are to begin soon.

"For me, this opportunity means, step by step, making a dream come true, a dream in which Argos wants to support us. Thanks to this contribution, we are all one step closer to achieving it and we will have a chance to prove that we can in fact rise up and contribute to the development of our families, our society and our country," says José Manuel Martínez, from San Gil, Santander, who will start his degree in Industrial Engineering at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana.

Psychology, mathematics, languages, law and veterinary medicine are some of the studies that these scholarship recipients will be starting in 2015 at renowned universities, thus continuing to build a more prosperous future.

"Our objective with this new program is to contribute to the integrated training of young people, both in academic aspects and in terms of the development of skills that will allow them to become leaders with social feeling, aware of the contribution they can make to their respective regions," says Jorge Mario Velásquez, Argos' CEO.

This program, which is offered by the Argos Foundation, will be implemented every year to help realize the dreams of ever more young Colombians. For this first year, the call for applications was done in 38 educational institutions in 29 municipalities across the country, and close to 2,080 students of 11th grade were invited to participate.

"We hope that students can find a new opportunity to start their professional careers in our program and that this motivates them to continue giving it their best in order to reach their goals. We want to have a bigger impact through this initiative, which is why we hope to get more applications every year and be able to reach more educational institutions," adds Mr. Velásquez.

The call for applications for 2015 will start soon, somewhere halfway through the year. The requirements and the enrolment process can be found on Argos' website.

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