

# “The Border” by Blanca Licona Miranda

Achieving my dream comes with many challenges. Not having a family who supports or understands the importance of school due to language differences or the differences between our home and American cultures is just a start. Then there's being undocumented, looking for a way to pay for college on my own, living in a state that seems totally against immigrants -- all of these reasons create the border between me and my dreams. However, I am still determined and continue to work hard to make them a reality



Blanca is a recent high school graduate and a lover of the arts. Her inspiration stems from her desire to bring to light injustices and her desire to achieve her dreams in the United States. She wants society to understand that just because she doesn't have a "Social Number" doesn't mean that she's different; She still has a heart and blood running through her veins and the desire to work hard and become someone important in life. Blanca can be contacted at [blanca.licona@gmail.com](mailto:blanca.licona@gmail.com)