

Gonzales-Harris Bilingual Scholarship

(Scholarship Application Cover Sheet)

About the Scholarship: Helping others seemed to come naturally for some people like the Gonzales sisters. Their story is one of hard work, sense of community, and the wish to leave a legacy for others to follow. Margaret, Evelyn, and Virginia were born to Ralph and Marie Gonzales, who originally hailed from Wilcox, Arizona. Ralph and Marie were hard working people who taught their daughters to value family, culture, and love for this country. Upon relocating to Glendale they continued to nurture strong work ethics, education, and the idea of giving back to others. Through the benevolent foresight of these sisters, they left assets in their estate to create scholarships so that youth would have a chance to improve their lives through education, thereby being able to someday give back to their own communities.

College Major/Area of Study: Any

Student Profile: A graduating public/private high school senior of the Verdugo region planning to attend and/or already attending an accredited, four-year community college/university or career technical school may apply. The applicant must have a minimum overall 3.5 GPA and be able to provide proof of U.S. Citizenship and be able to demonstrate fluency (written & verbal) in both Spanish and English.

Special Requirement: A personal essay outlining the importance of education and how he/she will contribute back to the community; it should also include reference to student's bilingual fluency and its benefits including cultural awareness, which helps to make one a better citizen overall. If qualified, the student may be considered for a personal interview on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The student's Spanish fluency will be assessed during that interview.

Awards Range Between: \$2,000 - \$6,000 annually. Award amounts depend on student's college/university/career technical school (that the student plans to attend) enrollment status and overall financial aid package. Award may be renewable during undergraduate education only. *Note: Renewal consideration will also require continuous community service activity and the completion of a **Community Service Confirmation Form** that will be provided to the eligible student at the end of each academic year.*

Average # of Awards: 3

Application Packet Required Materials:

- 2016/2017 Community Foundation of the Verdugos Scholarship Application.
- Personal Essay (see "**Special Requirement**").
- Official Academic Transcript (with ACT &/or SAT scores) arranged to be sent.
- Student Aid Report (**SAR**) that is generated from submitting your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you need assistance obtaining or printing it, call for customer support at 1-800-433-3243/1-800-4-FED-AID or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Confidential Letter of Recommendation arranged to be sent.
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship (copy of current passport, birth certificate, or certificate of naturalization).
- Proof of Community Service

Additional Information:

Awardees will be expected to attend CFV's Scholarship Recognition Event May 20, 2017. Enrollment Verification form with official university/college/career technical school stamp or seal, once enrolled full time for fall semester is required before the scholarship is paid.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.