

The Garcia Perseverance Scholarship

A Scholarship Fund at the Coral Gables Community Foundation

The Garcia Perseverance Scholarship is a 4-year scholarship given annually to a student who has overcome a hardship or series of hardships and difficulties in his or her life and has had to persevere in order to attend an institution of higher learning. The Scholarship was established in 2015 by the late Carlos F. Garcia and his wife, Debbie Garcia La Rocca. Recognizing the importance of higher education, the Garcia family established the Garcia Perseverance Scholarship Fund to help our community's best and brightest achieve their dreams of higher education. Carlos F. Garcia was a successful accountant and served a variety of local non-profit organizations including serving as the Immediate-Past Chairman of the Coral Gables Community Foundation Board of Directors. Debbie is the Human Resources Manager for the Miami Foundation.

The Garcia Perseverance Scholarship is designed as a supplemental scholarship that will help recipients attending state schools in Florida fill unmet financial needs.

Scholarship Applicant Must:

1. Intend to study full time at a state school in Florida
2. Have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Attend a public or private high school in Miami-Dade County
4. Experienced and overcome a hardship in his/her life

Value of Scholarship:

The value of the 4-year Scholarship is \$4,000 over the course of 4 years. The scholarship is distributed in \$1,000 installments per year for 4 years. Scholarship checks are sent directly from the Coral Gables Community Foundation to the bursar's office of the recipient's college or university.

Garcia Perseverance Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name:_____

Address:_____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone:_____ **Home Phone:**_____

Where have you applied to college?_____

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Materials Checklist: All application packages **must** include the following:

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Official Transcript
- ☐ SAT or ACT scores
- ☐ At least one Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Résumé of School and Community Activities
- ☐ Personal Typed Statement explaining Financial Need
- ☐ Submit a 300-500 word essay explaining a hardship that you have had to overcome, or how events and obstacles you have experienced have shaped you.

Applications should be **emailed** to:

Mary Snow

Executive Director

Coral Gables Community Foundation

Email: mary@gablesfoundation.org

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Applications are DUE March 9, 2020 at 5pm