



CORAL GABLES
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2023 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

January 12, 2023

Dear CAP Advisor,

This Spring the Gables Community Foundation is offering seventeen scholarship programs for which your students may qualify.

There are a substantial number of awards: In May 2022 the Foundation awarded 89 scholarships worth nearly \$400k. This year we expect to exceed that already high mark.

Of the programs we offer, seven do not require attendance at Coral Gables High. I am attaching guidelines you may wish to distribute for each of those scholarship. Some do not require standardized tests.

Applications open on January 15th and the deadline is March 3rd, at 11:59 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robertson Adams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Kerdyk Family Trust Scholarship

This scholarship is given annually to the graduating senior who has shown an interest in music during his/her high school years. Overall academic success, a love for music and an intention to study music are factors in the evaluation process.

Named after long-serving Coral Gables Commissioner William H. Kerdyk, Sr. and continued by his family today, this scholarship fund was established at the Coral Gables Community Foundation and applicants should be honored for consideration of this award. Bill Kerdyk, Sr. had a love of music that he shared with his own children and established this scholarship fund to help students who also possess a love of music.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicant must intend to study music in college.
2. Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, counselor, mentor, or supervisor on a job/project.
4. Upload a link to a good recording of your performance (i.e., YouTube).
5. Coral Gables resident or attends high school in Coral Gables

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP: Varies typically from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants who are Coral Gables Residents or attend high school in Coral Gables will be weighed heavily.



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GARCIA PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIP (4-year)

This four-year scholarship is given annually to a student(s) who has overcome a hardship or series of difficulties in their 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 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. The Garcia Perseverance Scholarship is designed as a supplemental scholarship that will help recipients attending state schools in Florida fill unmet financial needs.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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. Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, mentor or supervisor on a job/project
5. Experienced and overcome a hardship in his/her life

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

MAINTENANCE: In order to maintain the scholarship for four years, the recipient must send transcripts to the Foundation upon the completion of each academic year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any public or private high school in Miami-Dade County



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ERVIN A. GONZALEZ SCHOLARSHIP

The Ervin A. Gonzalez Scholarship Fund was established by the Coral Gables Bar Association in 2017 in Ervin's memory. The Ervin A. Gonzalez Scholarship provides college tuition assistance to a graduating high school senior who has shown an interest in pursuing a career in law, political science, public policy or related fields. Overall academic success, an interest in civics and the law and an intention to become a lawyer are factors in the selection process.

ABOUT ERVIN GONZALEZ

A Coral Gables resident, Ervin A. Gonzalez (1960-2017) was a premier civil trial attorney who led some of the most significant personal-injury and class-action cases in Florida and nationally. He was a partner with the prominent Coral Gables law firm Colson Hicks Eidson and gave back to his community. Ervin served as governor of The Florida Bar, president of the Dade County Bar Association, president of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, a member of the National Board of Trustees of The National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law where he enjoyed mentoring young law students.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicant must anticipate attending law school after college
2. Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Attend public or private high school in Coral Gables or attends Immaculata-La Salle High School (Ervin's alma mater)
4. Possess a financial need

VALUE: The value of the scholarship varies each year. This is a one-year scholarship. Checks are sent directly from the Coral Gables Community Foundation to the bursar's office of the recipient's college or university.

ELIGIBILITY: Public or private high school in Coral Gables or attends Immaculata-La Salle High School in Coconut Grove



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The Dave Ragan Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship provides college tuition assistance to a graduating senior who has shown in interest in golf during his/her high school years. Overall academic success, a love for golf and an intention to play golf at the collegiate level are factors in the selection process. The Dave Ragan Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Dave Ragan III, Head Golf Professional at Deering Bay Yacht & Country Club in his father's memory to support youth development and educational opportunities through golf.

ABOUT DAVE RAGAN JR.

David William Ragan Jr., (1935-2018) was an accomplished American professional golfer, playing on the PGA Tour and the Senior PGA Tour. Born in Daytona Beach, Florida, Dave attended the University of Florida and played on the men's golf team. He won two Southeastern Conference championships and the SEC individual championship as a senior, and was recognized as an All-American. He was later inducted into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame as a Gator Great. Dave turned professional in 1956 and won three PGA Tour events. He finished second to Jack Nicklaus in the 1963 PGA Championship. He was a member of the 1963 PGA Ryder Cup Team.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicant must intend to play golf in college.
2. Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Attends public or private high school in Miami-Dade County, Florida or Jefferson County, Alabama
4. Recipients must possess a financial need
5. Letter of Recommendation by a school or club golf instructor or coach.

VALUE The value of the Scholarship is a minimum of \$500, but the amount varies from year-to-year. Scholarship checks are sent directly from the Coral Gables Community Foundation to the bursar's office of the recipient's college or university.

ELIGIBILITY: Attends public or private high school in Miami-Dade County, Florida or Jefferson County, Alabama



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The Julian Perez Memorial Scholarship

The Julian Perez Memorial Scholarship provides college tuition assistance to a graduating, male senior(s) from Coral Gables Senior High School or MAST Academy on Virginia Key. The Julian Perez Scholarship Fund was established by Julian's loving wife and Coral Gables resident, Mayra Vide-Perez, and Julian's family and friends in his memory to support educational opportunities for deserving, college-bound young men who possess financial need.

ABOUT JULIAN PEREZ

Born in La Salad, Cuba, Julian Perez arrived to the United States in 1961 - first to the New Jersey/New York area before settling in Miami. Julian had a successful career with Miami-Dade County for 35 years and is remembered by those who knew him as a gentleman as he was an incredibly loyal and kind man. Julian and his wife of 40 years, Mayra, lived in Coral Gables and loved their community. Throughout the years, both Mayra and Julian mentored young people through their volunteer efforts. Mayra is honored to carry on Julian's legacy through this scholarship fund.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a college-bound male currently enrolled as a Senior.
2. Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher maintained over the most recent 2 semesters
3. Attends Coral Gables Senior High or MAST Academy on Virginia Key
4. Recipients must possess a financial need
5. Summary of Community Service and Activities
6. Letter of Recommendation by a counselor, teacher, mentor, coach or supervisor on a job/project

VALUE: A minimum of \$1,000, but the amount varies from year-to-year. Checks are sent directly from the Coral Gables Community Foundation to the bursar's office of the recipient's college or university.

ELIGIBILITY: Attends Coral Gables Senior High or MAST Academy on Virginia Key



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Jeannett Slesnick Community Spirit Scholarship

The Jeannett Slesnick Community Spirit Scholarship provides up to \$10,000 in college tuition assistance up to four years, to a graduating senior who has demonstrated an interest in communications, journalism, leadership and/or historic preservation.

The Jeannett Slesnick Community Spirit Scholarship was established in 2022 by Jeannett and Don Slesnick to support educational opportunities for deserving local high school graduates. As a Past Chair of the Board of the Coral Gables Community Foundation, Jeannett has dedicated her life to being involved in her community. In addition to her successful real estate career, Jeannett served as a City Commissioner in Coral Gables and has served on numerous boards of non-profit organizations.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. Applicants must attend Coral Gables High School, Miami Senior High School or International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)
2. Minimum GPA of 3.0
3. Possess a desire to study in communications, journalism, leadership and/or historic preservation
4. Possess a financial need
5. However not contingent upon enrollment in one of these institutions, the recipient(s) of this award must apply to at least one of the University of Florida, the University of Virginia, St. Thomas University (Miami) and/or the University of Mary Washington (Virginia).
6. Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, counselor, mentor, coach or supervisor on a job/project

ELIGIBILITY: Coral Gables High School, Miami Senior High School or International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA)

MAINTENANCE

In case of a multi-year award, recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to maintain the annual installments throughout his/her college studies, and provide transcripts.



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