



Casa Grande Peace Officer Memorial Foundation presents

# The Chuy Lara Memorial Scholarship

End of Watch January 4, 2022

The Chuy Lara Memorial Scholarship was started in 2022 by the family of Officer Jesus "Chuy" Lara through the Casa Grande Peace Officer Memorial Foundation to honor his legacy and continue to impact young people's lives in Pinal County. Growing up in Eloy, Chuy spent much of his time playing sports including baseball, basketball and track, as well as serving as an altar boy at Eloy St. Helen's church. Chuy's heart and passion for his community and helping others led him on the path to his dream job as a police officer for Gila River & Casa Grande. He was honored to be serving his community and his dedication stretched well beyond his time at work, as he also volunteered to coach youth sports including softball and baseball. He had many recreational passions which included golf, mountain biking, fishing, and most importantly spending time with family and friends. Chuy was hardworking, valued honor and integrity, was kind, selfless and compassionate, loved talking to people and was excellent at encouraging and motivating others. He was always willing to help someone in need and had a special place in his heart for helping the youth in the community. The Chuy Lara Memorial Scholarship was created to continue his mission of impacting lives in Pinal County.

## Scholarship Eligibility

Graduating High School Senior in Pinal County

Plans to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in the US for the 2022-2023

Minimum of 3.0 GPA

## Award Description

Selection committee will award one winner a single one-time scholarship in the amount of \$2000 made payable directly to the college the winner will be attending

## Application Process

Fill out application entirely, including short answer and essay questions

Provide 3 personal references that are not relatives (2 must be high school staff or coaches)

Turn in completed entry and all attachments by April 22, 2022

3 Finalists will be selected by May 6th and will be requested to submit a video introducing yourself to the selection committee as well as answering any follow up questions the selection committee may have.

## Deadline

All applications and attachments need to be turned in by email or mail postmarked by April 22, 2022

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ATTN: Chuy Lara Memorial Scholarship

P.O. Box 11025 Casa Grande, AZ 85130

OR [chuylarascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:chuylarascholarship@gmail.com)

## Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities, volunteering, as well as strong personal character. All applicants agree to accept the decision of recipient as final and agree to submit a copy of your high school transcript upon request of the selection committee.

## Notification

The winner will be announced by May 31, 2022.

## Payment of Scholarship

Scholarship payment may be used to cover the cost of tuition and books. The scholarship payment can be used entirely at one time or split into 2 semesters as needed. The recipient will need to submit a statement showing balance owed, toward either books or tuition. A check is then made payable to the student's school.

Please send any questions or correspondence to [chuylarascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:chuylarascholarship@gmail.com)

## Chuy Lara Memorial Scholarship Application

First Name\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_ GPA\_\_\_\_\_

List any job experience you have had\_\_\_\_\_

### **Short Answer Questions:** (You may use a separate sheet if desired)

1. What are your future education goals or career aspirations?

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2. Describe high school activities you have participated in.

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3. Describe community service and volunteer work that you have done.

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4. List any academic or sports awards, scholarships, or any special recognitions you have earned.

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5. What other personal information do you think makes you a good candidate for this scholarship?

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**References:** Provide three references that are NOT relatives (2 must be high school staff or coaches)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Years known \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Essay Question:** (Choose one topic)

Type and attach ONE essay response from the choice of topics below- up to 800 words.

- Write about a time hard work paid off.
- Tell me about a time you went above and beyond to help someone else.
- What personal achievement are you most proud of?

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**Finalist Information:**

Three finalists will be selected by May 6th. The finalist will be contacted by a member of the selection committee and will be requested to submit a video introducing yourself to the selection committee, as well as answering any follow up questions the selection committee may have.

**Signature:**

I understand my application for the Chuy Lara Memorial Scholarship contains personal information. I authorize the selection committee to review the information in my application for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the scholarship award. I verify that all the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I also certify that if chosen, I will provide an official high school transcript if requested. I further certify that if chosen as the scholarship recipient, I will use the funds only for expenses related to education in higher learning in the United States. I verify I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines as stated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_