

MARCO GARCIA MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

The Enrique and Lucy Garcia Family Foundation and Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Education and Psychology are pleased to announce the:

Marco Garcia Memorial Fellowship

Qualified applicants are invited to apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Several scholarships are available. In addition, the possibility of continued funding for subsequent years is available for a limited number of recipients.

The Marco Garcia Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a graduate degree in psychology. It was established to promote mental health services in the underserved multicultural community with an emphasis in providing direct services to the Mexican-American population.

The Enrique and Lucy Garcia Family Foundation established the scholarship in memory of their beloved son, Marco Garcia (1973-1995), who noticed a substantial need for more Mexican-American mental health professionals. The scholarship was instituted to celebrate and remember Marco's life, spirit and vision.

Their oldest son was a very talented and gifted artist and musician with devotion toward social activism. He was a much loved son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, uncle, and friend who touched many people in different ways. Marco was a free-spirited, caring, and loving person who enjoyed skateboarding and snowboarding. He was the type of person who would have given a stranger the "shirt off his back" or his "last dime" because they "needed it more than me," as Marco would say.

Marco made quite an impact and touched many people during his short life and he continues to do so in spirit. It is hoped that the Marco Garcia Memorial Fellowship will help him continue to "touch" and impact the lives of others while helping to fill a need in the mental health field.

Criteria

Applicants must be:

- Mexican or Mexican-American
- Enrolled full time in a graduate program in Psychology at Pepperdine University

Application Process

Applicants must:

- Submit a three-page (single-spaced) essay describing:
 1. Personal background
 2. Professional and volunteer experience
 3. Issues facing the Latino/a community
 4. How your work as a mental health professional will address the issues facing the Latino/a community
- Include one letter of recommendation from a Pepperdine University faculty member or clinical supervisor

Deliver Application To:

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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:
3:00 P.M. on September 15th, 2018**