



**Lupe Contreras Scholarship Fund**  
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## **LUPE M. CONTRERAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000) GUIDELINES 2018**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Lupe Contreras Scholarship Fund (LCSF) was established in 2006 to honor the life of an amazing woman with a passion to serve others. The Memorial Scholarship began in 2007 at Santa Fe High School, honoring two young women pursuing a college degree. In addition, LCSF has contributed funds to find a cure for ovarian cancer.

### **LUPE CONTRERAS**

Lupe Contreras grew up in Norwalk, California. She graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1987. Lupe attended Cerritos College and transferred to California State University, Fullerton where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Lupe teaches us that one of the most important purposes of life is to serve others. For 18 years, Lupe worked for the City of Santa Fe Springs where she coordinated Tiny Tots, summer camp, and continued coaching various youth sports in the community. In addition, Lupe coached softball and basketball at Santa Fe High School.

Lupe lost her battle with ovarian cancer on May 5, 2006. She battled cancer for 14 months without the assistance of modern medicine because her medical team did not inform her that she had cancer. She was 36 years old.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Female, College-Bound Seniors from the Whittier Union High School District, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, St. Paul High School, and El Rancho High School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Demonstrated leadership and commitment to community service
- Scholar-athletes and female students who will attend CSU or community college will be given priority.
- Lupe M. Contreras family members and relatives are **not** eligible.

## SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete Lupe M. Contreras Memorial Scholarship Application
2. Transcripts
3. College acceptance letter (funds will be released upon proof of enrollment in college)
4. Personal Statement
5. Resume
6. One letter of recommendation
7. 2 Essays

### **Essay 1 (500 words maximum)**

How will your higher education prepare you to better serve your community?

### **Essay 2 (300 words maximum)**

How has community service shaped you as a person? Describe your record of community service, its impact on the community, and how community service has contributed to your personal growth.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The Lupe M. Contreras Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding graduating senior who embodies the spirit of Lupe Contreras. Community College-bound students, CSU-bound students, and scholar-athletes are strongly encouraged to apply. Only complete applications will be considered. Scholarship decisions are made by the Lupe M. Contreras Memorial Scholarship Committee. **Scholarship recipients must attend the LCSF Scholarship Reception on a date to be determined.**

## LUPE M. CONTRERAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*(These young women are the most recent recipients. The LCSF Scholarship has been awarded since 2007.)*

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|------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2016 | Yennifer Rubio       | Whittier HS   | CSU Long Beach  |
| 2016 | Emma R. Schweers     | La Mirada HS  | Cal Poly SLO    |
| 2016 | Gisele Flores        | Santa Fe HS   | Cal Poly Pomona |
| 2015 | Elise Figueroa-Muñoz | Santa Fe HS   | CSU Fullerton   |
| 2015 | Nancy Guzman         | Santa Fe HS   | San Diego State |
| 2014 | Samantha E. Garcia   | La Mirada HS  | UC Riverside    |
| 2013 | Breana Castro        | Santa Fe HS   | UC Irvine       |
| 2013 | Brenda Elias         | John Glenn HS | CSU Fullerton   |
| 2013 | Aubree Gomez         | Pioneer HS    | UCLA            |
| 2012 | Breeann Rapan        | La Serna HS   | USC             |
| 2012 | Jessica Reyes        | California HS | UC Berkeley     |
| 2012 | Breana West          | St. Paul HS   | Cal Poly SLO    |

## DEADLINE

Applications must be received by **Friday, May 18, 2018**. No postmarks will be accepted. Send all application materials to:

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