



MARIBEL FRANCO MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

"She believed she could, so she did."



Maribel Franco
1994-2016

"It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember"

This scholarship is funded in large part by the Berti Family.

Maribel Franco was a daughter, sister, friend and mentor. As a UCSB graduate and a graduate student at Cal State Long Beach, Maribel's dream was to attend college and find a way to give back to those who were placed at a disadvantage due to socioeconomic factors. In the spring of 2014, the Santa Barbara Police Activities League first met Maribel as a tutor with Cal-SOAP. Maribel quickly distinguished herself as a person students could turn to for academic help, advice, and for a positive outlook on life. Education, school and community involvement were important to Maribel and she encouraged everyone she met to strive for the best. In the two and a half years Maribel was with SBPAL, the positive impact she made on the lives of Santa Barbara teens is immeasurable. Maribel's life was tragically cut short by a drunk driver in October 2016. Her passion for life and commitment to serve others continues to live on in those whose paths she crossed.

This memorial scholarship is based on the traits Maribel exhibited. Maribel was committed and attentive to all she knew. All that knew her felt her positive influence. Her smile was infectious and remains with all of us today. Maribel's life is a reminder that no matter what circumstances or obstacles are presented, one person can make a positive impact and difference.

Maribel Franco Memorial Scholarship Application

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2021-2022 Academic Year • Submit **by February 16, 2021** • Awards will range in amount

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be a high school graduating SBPAL participant (c/o 2021) **or** a SBPAL alumni who graduated high school in the last 6 years (c/o 2015).
- Applicants must be planning to attend **or** currently attending a state or nationally accredited two or four-year college/university (undergraduate studies) or a trade/vocational school.
- Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation: from a teacher, mentor, supervisor or community leader. *SBPAL staff and SBPAL Board of Directors may not submit a letter of recommendation.*
- Applicants must provide a copy of an unofficial high school transcript (if applicant is in college, please only include a copy of your unofficial college transcripts) – *GPA will not be a determining factor, transcripts will be used to identify academic trends over the course of your high school and or college career.*

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. **SELECTION PROCESS** - Applications will be reviewed by the Maribel Franco Scholarship committee including members of the Franco family. Recipients will be awarded based on the following criteria:
 - Applicant's demonstration of commitment and desire to have a positive influence in their school and/or community.
 - Demonstration of leadership skills in school and/or community.
2. **THE ESSAY** – The essay must be typed and have a minimum of 300 words in length. All pages must have your name, address, and telephone number included in the header. Please answer all of the following questions:
 - **1.** Tell us about yourself. Feel free to include hobbies, interests, strengths and accomplishments.
 - **2.** What obstacle(s) in school or life have you had to overcome? Did PAL programs help you through the process? If yes, how?
 - **3.** What are your college/career goals? What has influenced or inspired these goals?
3. **SCHEDULE** - Applications and all supporting materials must be completed, and post marked no later than **February 16, 2021**. Any incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Scholarship recipients will be notified by **February 23, 2021 via phone call**. A virtual Award Ceremony will be held Friday, **March 26, 2021 at 5pm**.
4. **PUBLICITY** - By applying, recipients agree to have their name and photo published on SBPAL platforms such as newsletters, signs, website, affiliated websites, social media and news releases announcing the results at SBPAL's discretion.

Applications may be mailed to: Santa Barbara Police Activities League
Maribel Franco College Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 91121

Applications may also be dropped off at: The PAL Twelve35 Teen Center

MARIBEL FRANCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please follow the directions throughout the application carefully. Type or print clearly. Only use this form and the space provided. As indicated for several questions, you may include additional sheets if required. Be sure to complete all sections of the application, incomplete applications will not be accepted.

High School Applicants Section Only

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

High School _____ Anticipated H.S Graduation Date (mo)____/(yr)_____

Name of College You Plan to Attend and Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Number of years in PAL _____? Are you a First-Generation College bound student? Yes No

Please list all PAL programs you participated in and your role:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Parent/ Guardian Information

Primary /Guardian: Please check one Mother Father Guardian

Preferred Language: English Spanish Other: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

College Applicants Section Only

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Institution Currently Attending _____ Anticipated Graduation Date (mo)____/(yr) _____

Student ID: _____

Student email: _____

Institution mailing address:

Number of years you participated in PAL _____?

Are you a First-Generation College student? Yes No

Please list all PAL programs you participated in, the year you participated, and your role:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

All Applicants Please Fill

Community Activities and Volunteer Work

Please list community activities and volunteer work and year(s) of participation; please include an estimate of how many hours worked for each activity. One additional sheet may be used for this information, if needed. *Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups.*

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Honors and Awards

Please list honors and awards and year(s). One additional sheet may be used for this information, if needed. *Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, science fair awards, student/athlete awards*

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

School Activities

Please list high school and or college activities and year(s) of participation. One additional sheet may be used for this information, if needed. *Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school paper, tutoring.*

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)

Please list leadership positions held and the year(s) of participation. One additional page may be used for this information, if needed. *Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, music/orchestra 1st chair.*

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Application Checklist:

- Scholarship Application
- Letter of recommendation
- Essay
- Copy of unofficial high school or college transcripts
- I understand that I am required to submit a "Thank You" video/letter within two weeks of accepting my scholarship.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I also authorize the Santa Barbara Police Activities League and its affiliates to use my name, picture and application for marketing purposes.

Applicant Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

If under the age of 18 parents signature

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

**Scholarship awards made by the Scholarship Committee and Franco family are final.*

***Scholarship Awards will be made directly to the College/University once proof of enrollment is provided.*

****Scholarship funds will be distributed during the 2021-2022 academic school year through your institution.*

*****Failure to comply with additional requests regarding information will result in forfeiting scholarship award.*