



2026 Louie Gonzales Memorial Scholarship Application

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The Gladstone Park Neighborhood Association **Louie Gonzales Memorial Scholarship** is named to honor Louie Gonzales, a long time resident of the Gladstone Park community, whose commitment to the youth of our community was evidenced by his long-tenured coaching career, especially for the football program at St. Tarcissus School. Louie was one of the first victims of the coronavirus, which took his life way too soon in March, 2020. In his honor, we are proud to present this year's 2026 scholarship. The scholarship is for \$500 and will be awarded to a Gladstone Park student who will be attending college or trade school in the fall of 2026.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be 19 years of age or younger and a high school graduate or a senior in high school during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Applicants must live in Gladstone Park (boundary map attached).
- Applicants must submit a completed application to the Gladstone Park Neighborhood Association by May 22, 2026.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be judged on a 500 word essay on a topic chosen by the Louie Gonzales Memorial Scholarship committee. The winner of the scholarship will be announced by June 1, 2026.

Application Instructions:

Application must include:

- A completed application form
- A copy of the applicant's drivers' license, state ID, or another form of identification verifying the applicant's residency.
- A copy of the applicant's letter of acceptance from the university, college, or trade school indicating the applicant's acceptance into a program of study in the fall of 2026.
- A copy of the applicant's most recent report card with cumulative GPA.
- A personal reference (not from a family member) (form attached).
- A 500 word essay (topic provided on attached form).

Applications must be received by May 22, 2026. Mail to:

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Or email to
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Applications are available online at www.gpnachicago.com

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Application Form

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

College/Trade School Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please list any community involvement and/or extracurricular activities you may have:

How did you hear about the Gladstone Park Neighborhood Association's Scholarship?

The recipient of the 2026 Louie Gonzales Memorial Scholarship agrees to the publishing of their winning essay, name, and photo.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Essay Cover Sheet

Instructions:

Your essay should address the topic described below.

The essay must be approximately 500 words in length and typed.

Essay Topic:

If you could solve one problem in your community, what would it be & how would you start?

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

(Attach this page as a cover sheet to your completed essay)

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Personal Reference

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Name of Personal Reference: _____

Phone Number of Personal Reference: _____

Describe the length and type of the relationship between Scholarship Applicant and Personal Reference:

Why do you believe this student should be awarded this scholarship?

Signature of Personal Reference: _____

