

\$3000 memorial scholarship offered

The Abigail Garcia Memorial Scholarship is offered to a graduating Wickenburg High School senior for the first time this year in the amount of \$3000.

Applications for this scholarship are available at the high school counseling office, at the Wickenburg Sun office at 180 N. Washington, or by calling 231-1415 and requesting an application. Applicants will be judged on merit as well as need. Applicants are required to submit a list of their activities, honors, and accomplishments, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement essay. Applications must be received by April 1 and can be dropped off at the Wickenburg Sun or mailed to P.O. Box 86, Wickenburg AZ, 85358.

The scholarship was founded by Tamara Thomas, mother of Abigail Garcia, in honor of her daughter, a 2006 Wickenburg High School graduate, who was killed in a car accident last May on her way to a summer internship at Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant. She was 18 and had just finished her sophomore year at Reed College in Portland, Ore. In 2005, she was a Rotary exchange student to Thailand. She was also active in the local Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program.

"Abby would be proud to know this was created in her name," said Thomas. "She was the consummate student and would be thrilled to know she'll be helping other students further their education."

"Abby was a special kid and part of our Rotary family," said David Higgins, past club president. "We're honored to be part of this effort."

For more information about this scholarship, contact Thomas at 928-231-1415.

The Abigail Garcia Memorial Scholarship

2010 Application \$3000

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of school(s) you hope to attend: _____

1. On a separate sheet, please list activities, accomplishments, honors you have received during high school. Be selective and keep the list relevant to your desire to pursue your education.
2. Please attach up to three letters of recommendation. Ideal letters are from teachers and/or academic advisors, but all letters will be considered.
3. Please attach an essay, your "personal statement" as to what qualifies you for this scholarship. This statement is an opportunity for you to speak about yourself, your opinions, and/or beliefs, and convey your ability to express yourself clearly. Express yourself! This essay should be at least 250 words and no longer than 1000.

Return all material by April 1, 2010 to Tamara Thomas, Attn: Scholarship, PO Box 86, Wickenburg AZ 85358. Call 231-1415 with any questions.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

_____ Date: _____