

RELAY HEROES TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

MAMA CHAGUA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WIN A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE A PASSION FOR COOKING OR ENJOYING FAMILY MEALS

Mama Chagua was a woman who truly understood the magic of food. Regardless of who you were, a knock on her door would always be met with a warm invitation to come in and share a meal. If she was expecting you, she would have her kitchen filled with pots and pans, brimming with delicious food, ready to ensure you wouldn't leave hungry. Her love for others was not just expressed through her cooking, but also through her genuine affection and honesty. She was straightforward, yet always with the best intentions at heart. Her deep love for her family was reciprocated in equal measure.

Mama Chagua firmly believed in the transformative power of food, and we want to experience your passion through your essay. We encourage you to write an essay about your family and the significant role food has played in uniting your family or impacting others positively. Your essay should paint a vivid picture of you, your family, and your traditions. **Calling all 5th graders and up to apply!**



About Relay: Heroes Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Relay HTLT is a nonprofit that empowers individuals to pursue higher education and financial literacy. Our passion is connecting individuals to the tools, resources, and knowledge they need to achieve their dreams. We provide financial literacy support to the DFW community through year-round programming (Ambassadors, Relay Hope, Adopt-A-Park), workshops, and one-on-one mentoring.

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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Write a 300-word essay typed and double-spaced with a 12-point font. The essay prompt is: Like Mama Chagua, food was a passion, and we want to hear your passion through your essay. Share an essay about your family and how food has been essential in how your family has come together or to help impact others. We encourage you to write an essay about your family and the significant role food has played in uniting your family or impacting others positively. Your essay should paint a vivid picture of you, your family, and your traditions. Your essay must include descriptive information about you, your family, and your traditions.

AND

A picture of you and your family enjoying a family meal or the applicant cooking their favorite meal.

Please also include:

1. A cover letter with clear contact information must be included (student name, current grade or school year, email, mailing address, phone number & preferred means of contact)
2. A few sentences about yourself and a recent headshot of yourself will be used for publicity on Relay's website and social media pages.
3. Proof that you are a student or accepted to a program.

Note: The Essay will be judged based on originality, including all writing prompts, creativity, organization of thought, proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

HOW TO APPLY: PLEASE ATTACH THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE TO AN EMAIL AND SEND THEM TO SCHOLARSHIP@RELAYHEROES.ORG. SUBJECT LINE, WRITE "MAMA CHAGUA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY - (YOUR NAME)." DO NOT SHARE AS A LINK TO AN ONLINE DRIVE. ATTACH DOCUMENTS AS PDFS OR WORD.

DEADLINE TO ENTER

We will consider submissions of essays until the entry deadline, which is

March 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm CST.

Only on-time entries will be accepted or reviewed.

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Additional Information Scholarship Award(s) Given.

One-time (non-renewable) \$1,000 scholarship. Check made payable to the school of enrollment or if student is 5th – 11th grade they may request the funds for educational expenses with documented proof or the scholarship can be applied to a 529 plan. Suppose the scholarship exceeds the cost of attendance, housing & food. In that case, students can use it for other materials needed for educational purposes and receive a refund from the institution of higher education.

Eligible Students

Any 5th grader and up

Winners Announced

The scholarship winners will be announced on March 25, 2024; All announcements will be made on Relay's website and social media pages.

(Relay reserves the right to delay the announcement of the winner due to applications not being completed or otherwise stated)

Accepting the Scholarship Award

Once an entrant is notified of winning, the entrant has **three days** to respond and accept the scholarship award. If the selected winner does not respond within the allotted time, another winner will be chosen if applicable. Once the winners are announced, prizes have been accepted, and valid mailing addresses have been confirmed, Relay will mail the check or send electronic funds to the institution.

Follow up

The scholarship winner must send a follow-up thank you letter to the Board of Relay by April 1, 2024. If a letter is not received, this will forfeit the ability to apply for future Relay scholarship opportunities.

Final Notes

We will only use the information and images of winners on Relay's website, publications, or social media pages associated with the annual Scholarship Essay Contest. We will not use your contact information to send or sell spam advertising messages to other advertisers.

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