



St. Vrain Valley Schools EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Scholarship Name: Friends of Mario Portillo Memorial Scholarship

Award: One (1) award of \$1,000

Background: This scholarship is a memorial scholarship to honor Mario Portillo who passed away in an accident in 1989. The scholarship is funded by family, friends and alumni of Frederick High School. Mario was a student at Frederick High School and would have graduated in 1991.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a high school senior at Frederick High School
- Must have attended Frederick High School for Junior and Senior Year
- Have a 2.5 grade point average or higher
- Be planning to enroll as a full-time student at a **trade/vocational institution, two-year or four-year college/university** located in the United States beginning the fall of 2023.
- Have participated in at least 2 high school activities

Application Process:

Step 1: Complete the general scholarship application on the St. Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation (SVVSEF) website (www.stvrainfoundation.org/scholarships). You will be required to submit the following information:

- **Application Information** to include name, address, phone number, email address, high school, GPA, high school transcript, graduation date and name of college, university or trade school the student will be attending.
- **Financial Need** including the EFC from the FAFSA, the FAFSA SAR report and one – two paragraphs explaining the students financial aid situation or financial need.
- **Volunteer and Community Service Record**
- **High School Honors and Awards**
- **High School Activities**
- **Leadership Positions**
- **Paid Work Experience** (if applicable)
- **Letters of Recommendation** to include one from a teacher, administrator or counselor and one from a community member who is not a family member.

Step 2: Complete the **Friends of Mario Portillo Memorial Scholarship** application via SVVSEF scholarship platform on Kaleidoscope.

- **Personal Essay** that is 500 words or less. This is your opportunity to tell the selection committee about yourself. The essay should explain your goals for the future, how being awarded this scholarship will help you attain those goals and how the opportunity to further your education will enhance your life in the future. Share any other information about yourself or special circumstances the selection committee should be aware of.