



Genaro Souza

Memorial Scholarship for Racial/Ethnic Minority Students

From Genaro's children...

Genaro Souza was born to a humble family of 14 children in Recife, Pernambuco, on the northeast coast of Brazil. His mother was a homemaker but a writer at heart, and she wrote beautiful poetry. She instilled in our father a love of learning, and his curiosity led him to yearn for a faraway land of opportunity. He became infatuated with the United States of America, but he was not able to fulfill his dream of coming to the U.S. as a young adult.

He married, had children of his own - 10 children to be exact...but he was a visionary. By the time his older children were teenagers, he began sending them one by one to the U.S. as exchange students. They did well, entered college, got married, and our family ended up divided - 5 in the U.S. and 5 in Brazil. Finally in 1987, he worked to bring us all to the U.S., and we began a new life together.

Because of our father's vision, determination, and hard work, we grabbed hold of the opportunities that were granted to us. We've become doctors, lawyers, educators, administrators, business leaders, missionaries, speech-language pathologists...each of us fulfilling one man's dream to experience all that he envisioned America would bring.

We have established the Genaro Souza Memorial Scholarship for Racial/Ethnic Minority Students to honor his legacy as a visionary who valued education greatly and spurred his children on to embrace the same values of hard work and determination to reach their fullest potential.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant must be member of a racial/ethnic minority group and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program (research or clinical doctorate) in Communication Sciences and Disorders in an accredited university.
- One **\$500 scholarship** will be awarded **annually**, and it may be used to offset the cost of tuition, books, fees, or research-related expenses.

RESEARCH CRITERIA

- The scholarship is awarded annually to deserving students who are pursuing **original research** in the area of **fluency disorders** that will impact the quality of life of persons who stutter and/or clutter.
- Research may be a master's thesis, clinical doctorate capstone project, or dissertation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must provide a personal statement (maximum 2 pages, double spaced), including contact information, brief personal history, racial/ethnic minority identity, educational/career goals, and reasons why they should be selected as the scholarship recipient.
- Applicant must provide a brief description of their research project (maximum 3 pages, double spaced), including background and statement of the problem, specific aims/objectives, methodology, timeline of project, and how their research seeks to impact the quality of life of persons who stutter/clutter.
- Applicant must provide an electronic copy (may be unofficial) of their most recent college transcript.
- Applicant must provide one letter of support from a faculty member or advisor who is familiar with the applicant's research project. The professor or advisor must email the letter to info@sperostuttering.org, and the name of the applicant should appear in the subject line of the email.
- If you are related or closely connected to a Spero Stuttering, Inc. board member, officer, or employee, please disclose your relation or connection.
- Personal statement, research description, and transcript should be emailed as **one PDF document** to info@sperostuttering.org, and the name of the applicant should appear in the subject line of the email. Please email any questions to same address.
- Only completed applications will be considered and must be received no later than **MARCH 31**.

