

2026 Martha Ziegler Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship Memes Kleen Kitchen

This scholarship opportunity was established in honor of Martha Z. Gonzalez, owner of Memes Kleen Kitchen, who passed away on January 12, 2026. She leaves behind a lasting legacy of both exceptional food and unwavering dedication to her family and community. Martha devoted her life to creating a warm and nurturing home for her husband of 45 years, the late Honorable Judge Joey Gonzalez, and their four children.

In 2002, Martha and Judge Joey became entrepreneurs when they acquired Memes Kleen Kitchen. She was a constant presence at the restaurant, often found in her favorite recliner, enjoying and personally sampling the dishes that made the establishment so beloved. Her passion, warmth, and commitment to bringing people together will continue to be remembered by all who knew her.

The Gonzalez family will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to a qualified candidate. The applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college or university and meet the following criteria:

Guidelines:

- All information in your application should be typed or written legibly
- The deadline for receiving applications for the *Martha Ziegler Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship* is May 5, 2026, 3:30 pm. Please turn in the application at the front office with Ms Jessica Herrera.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be pursuing a *business degree*
- Applicant must be a High School Senior and have received notification of acceptance to an accredited college or university.
- Applicant must submit a high school transcript
- Applicant must write a 500-word essay demonstrating financial need, expressing the reason for deserving the scholarship, and what their future goals/plans are.
- Provide one letter of recommendation- teacher/ coach or community member

Application Check List:

- _____ Completed and Signed Application
- _____ Include a recent photo with your application
- _____ Acceptance letter from college or university
- _____ High School transcript
- _____ Letter of recommendation
- _____ Essay

Community Service/Activities

Activity	Dates

Career Licenses/ Certifications:

Employment (if applicable)

Name of Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____ **Average Hours Per Week:** _____

Address: _____

Nature of Work: _____ **Years Employed:** _____

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____