

*Combined Application*  
*Felito Martinez Memorial Scholarship*  
*and*  
*Guerra Family Scholarships*

Felito Martinez Memorial Scholarship  
Victor A. Guerra Memorial Scholarship  
Arcadio Guerra Family Scholarship

Instructions

1. To be considered for any of the scholarships, please complete this Combined Application Form. On a separate sheet of paper, provide a typewritten Personal Essay that explains why you should be selected for one of these scholarships. Turn in the Personal Essay, along with the Combined Application Form, to your High School Counselor before the deadline.
2. Give the Personal Reference Form to three persons who can tell us more about you. They should include:
  - **A School Official**  
A teacher, coach, counselor, or principal who can tell us about your school experience.
  - **A Project Director or Advisor**  
Someone who has worked with you on a project. For example, an FFA advisor, a 4-H Leader, an agriculture teacher, or others
  - **A Community Leader**  
Someone who knows you from your activities Outside of school. For example, someone in your church, a rancher, or store owner for whom you have worked or done business.
3. Ask them to mail their completed reference forms to your High School Counselor.

# Guerra Family and Felito Martinez Memorial Scholarship Combined Application Form

Applicants: Please complete this form and give it to your high school counselor.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Information

Cumulative High School Grade Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students in your high school graduating class: \_\_\_\_\_ Your rank in class: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Date you took the SAT: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date you took the ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

*Schools you attended:*

Elementary: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

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To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information on this form is true and correctly reflects my accomplishments.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by your counselor:

Signature of counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ San Isidro High School \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ San Isidro \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Texas \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 78588 \_\_\_\_\_

**1. LIST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND OFFICES HELD:**

**2. LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OFFICES HELD:**

**3. WHAT COLLEGE DO YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING AND WHY?**

**4. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS. THEN IN 10.**

**5. WHAT ARE THE 3 LARGEST PROBLEMS FACING GRADUATING SENIORS AT SAN ISIDRO AND WHAT ARE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS?**

**6. IF YOU COULD CHANGE 3 THINGS ABOUT THE SAN ISIDRO SCHOOL SYSTEM WHAT WOULD THEY BE AND WHY?**

**7. ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PROVIDE A TYPEWRITTEN ESSAY ON WHY YOU SHOULD BE SELECTED FOR THE MARTINEZ SCHOLARSHIP OR GUERRA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

# *Biographical Information About*

## **The Guerra Family**

### *Victor A. Guerra*

The Victor A. Guerra Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Victor A. Guerra, who was the youngest child of Rafael and Carmen Guerra of Linn, Texas. The Guerras have been long-time supporters of our community and school. They award scholarships every year to graduating seniors of San Isidro who have a desire to earn a college degree.

Victor was a bright, easy going and popular young man who loved FFA and agriculture. He was a natural around cattle and loved to show his Brahman cattle. He had a great attitude about life and was always smiling. Victor died of carbon monoxide asphyxiation in a recreational vehicle at Garner State Park in August of 1979 while on a camping trip just prior to starting college at Texas A&I. He is survived by his parents, four brothers – Felo, Hector, Carlos and Gerardo – and one sister Carmen Elvia.

### *The Arcadio Guerra Family*

The Arcadio Guerra Family Endowed Scholarship honors the Arcadio Guerra family. Arcadio Sr. came to the United States at the age of 14 from Ciudad Mier, Mexico. He started working with his cousin at Falfurrias and later moved to the LA Reforma area, where he began to accumulate farming and ranching interests plus a general merchandise store and lumber yard. He had a lot of foresight, which led him to introduce new and better farming techniques. He also built one of South Texas' first cotton gins, which ginned most of the cotton raised in this area – much of which was raised on his own farms by sharecroppers.

Arcadio Guerra Sr. was a strong believer in education and helped many local students with their educational needs. At one time, more than 50 families lived on the Guerra ranches in and around La Reforma. There are many successful Valley families that trace their roots back to LA Reforma. They worked for the Guerras or farmed some of the Guerra land. Arcadio Sr. was married to Leonor Vela and they had three sons, Manuel Angel (who died as an infant), Arcadio Jr., and Rafael.

Arcadio Jr. and Rafael followed in their father's footsteps and continued to expand their agricultural interests by investing in more land and better cattle and building new gins at La Reforma and Linn. They also built a grain elevator at Linn and the first one at McCook. They served on many different community service, school, and agriculture boards and have always been very supportive of our community, our school, and church. Arcadio Jr. never married and died in 1963 of a heart attack. Rafael married Carmen Chapa and had six children – Felo, Hector, Carlos, Carmen Elvia, Gerardo, and Victor (deceased and whom the Victor Guerra Memorial Scholarship is named after). Rafael and Carmen live in McAllen and have 16 grandchildren.

# Biographical Information

*Felix T. (Felito) Martinez*

The Felito Martinez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Felix T. Martinez (Wito or Felito), the oldest child of Felo and Stephanie Martinez of Santa Elena, Texas.

Felo and Stephanie are very active in our community and are very involved at our school. They award several scholarships every year in memory of Felito to graduating seniors of San Isidro High School who have a desire to earn a degree.

Felito loved the ranch and has aspirations of growing up on the ranch and someday taking over from his dad. He was a very likable boy and was an outstanding student.

Felito died in an auto accident on the ranch in February of 1991. He is survived by his parents, one brother, Alejandro "Hondo," and one sister, Alyssa. Hondo and Alyssa both graduated from San Isidro High School.

Guerra Family Scholarships  
 Felito Martinez Memorial Scholarship  
*Personal Reference Form*

Please give these forms to three persons whom you would like to rate you in these categories.

**Note to persons serving as references:** Please complete this form as soon as you receive it and email it to the High School Counselor of this applicant. Your responses will be kept confidential and reviewed only by the Scholarship Selection Committee. They will **not** be released to the applicant.

Please rate the applicant from 1 to 10 in each category in which you have some knowledge of the applicant. You may skip (leave blank) those categories of which you have no knowledge or insufficient experience with the applicant. The *highest rating* is 10. An average rating is 5. A weak *rating* is 1.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Rating	Comments
Project Success (in school, FFA, 4-H, Church, etc.)		
General Appearance (grooming, dress)		
Personality (poise, warmth, congeniality)		
Social qualities (friendliness, cooperation, tact)		
Emotional stability (maturity, flexibility, behavior)		
Character (ethics, habits, value)		
Leadership qualities (reliability, initiative, commitment)		
Verbal skills (pronunciation, clarity)		
Writing skills (organization, spelling, grammar)		
Background preparation (experience, scholarship)		
Discipline (self-control, drive, motivation)		
Competence (judgment, effectiveness, reliability)		

**General Evaluative Comments** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_