



Vivian Zarate  
and John Zarate

Rene Zarate  
and Jacqueline Zarate

## About Elsa Zarate

Mrs. Elsa Zarate was a life-long practicing Catholic who firmly believed in the quality and importance of a Catholic education. She was a native of Havana, Cuba who immigrated to the United States in 1955. Elsa settled in Tampa with her parents and two sisters.

Elsa worked tirelessly to make sure her family received a Catholic Education. Her four children, all TC alumni, have continued the tradition by sending their children to Catholic schools. Because of the importance of education and strength of their mother, the Zarate family has proudly decided to create this yearly scholarship program to help others pursue a Catholic high school education.

Vivian (Zarate) Braaksma '76

Rene Zarate '77

John '79 and Patty (Sierra '80) Zarate

Jacqueline (Zarate) Moch '82

Anthony Zarate Moch '06

Sierra Zarate '12

Alan Moch '14

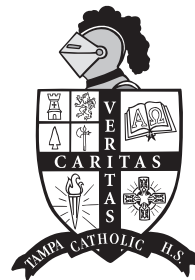
## funding

The Elsa Zarate Memorial Scholarship program is funded through the generosity of the Zarate Family, private donations, and interest earned.

Contributions to this fund or other programs of Tampa Catholic High School will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged. Any such donations may be tax deductible.

For additional information on this and other scholarships available at Tampa Catholic High School, please contact Sherry Copestick in the Enrollment Office, extension #232.

*Thank you for your interest  
in Tampa Catholic!*



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## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*for incoming Freshmen  
attending  
Tampa Catholic High School*



*October 18, 1931 - November 5, 2006*

## overview

The Zarate family established the Elsa Zarate Memorial Scholarship Program in 2007 to honor the memory of their mother. The program is designed to provide needed financial assistance to those families whose child wishes to pursue a Catholic education at Tampa Catholic High School.

Awards (if any) are competitive within the eligibility criteria of this scholarship program. The program is focused on assisting qualified applicants who are well rounded students who show the importance of giving back to the community and fully participate in the mission of a Catholic education.

All eligible individuals are encouraged to apply.

## scholarship

The Zarate family intends to make at least one award per year at the \$1,000 level. The scholarship is given to an incoming freshman attending Tampa Catholic High School each year and is renewable so long as the recipient meets stated criteria. Efforts may be made to increase either, or both, the amount and number of awards. However, the program reserves the right to increase, decrease, not issue or otherwise change the number and amount of awards at its discretion. Factors impacting these decisions include, but are not limited to, fund availability, number of eligible applicants and quality of applications as determined by the program.

## eligibility

The applicant must complete all forms & applications, and meet all criteria listed below.

**Enrollment/Acceptance:** The student must have completed all necessary admissions requirement to be accepted to Tampa Catholic High School and be an incoming Freshman.

**Financial Standing:** The applicants family or guardian must show a financial need based on the independent criteria set forth by the F.A.C.T.S. financial assistance application and program.

**Well Rounded:** The prospective student should be able to show a well rounded student life, including participation in but not limited to any or all of the following: co-curricular activities, athletics and community service work.

**Complete an Essay:** The student should submit an essay not more than five paragraphs on the topic, *“The Importance of a Catholic Education to Me and My Family.”*

**Discipline:** The applicant should have an exemplary discipline & attendance record at previous school.

## renewals

Renewals of the scholarship will be automatic if the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative weighted GPA average and has an exemplary discipline and attendance record at Tampa Catholic. Additionally the student must fulfill all required service hours.

## awards

The program will use the following as a guide to making the final awards.

- Financial needs will be based solely on the independent criteria set forth by the F.A.C.T.S. application and reporting process.
- The field will be narrowed to three finalists by the Tampa Catholic school Administration.
- Following the Administrations’ selection the Zarate family will make a final judgement based on the application and essay.
- All applicant names are held in private and awards are strictly based on need and the fulfillment of the application requirements.

## apply

1. The student must have completed the Tampa Catholic applications process including taking the TC Placement Test and be an accepted, registered student. (See admissions requirements for more details)
2. Submit a completed Financial Assistance package for review by F.A.C.T.S.
2. Submit the required essay.
3. All application materials must be received by April 1 for scholarship consideration for the following school year.
4. Applications must include the following items: proof of acceptance, proof of financial need, and completed essay

dedication to education