

GROWING CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP
In Memory of Susana Zubieta
presented by the Miller Family and Miller Realty Group

PURPOSE: Growing Children Scholarship was established in 2017 with the purpose of affording a deserving student from Fort Mill High School and Nation Ford High School the opportunity to continue his/her education in the field of education.

As a daughter, mother and community supporter, it is with an immense source of pride that my company, the Miller Realty Group, presents the Growing Children Memorial Scholarship in memory of my mom, Susana Marcela Zubieta.

Susana Zubieta began her teaching career as an elementary music instructor at The American Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia. There she discovered a passion for ensuring positive early childhood development. During Susana's thirty plus year commitment to children she started her own daycare center. She founded "Growing Children", a successful small business, as a certified and recognized master educator on raising and protecting children. Although her accomplishments and recognitions in the field of early childhood training were many, she was especially proud of the Susan Hargrave Award for Trainer of the Year as well as the Spanish Association "Professional Childcare Providers – Hispanic Association" which she founded.

My mom lived a life-long passion for the education, protection and betterment of children, their families and their futures. She dedicated her energy and time in educating and supporting others to do the same. It is our hope that the recipient of this scholarship will share her passion, dedication and true love of being an Early Childhood Educator.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, candidates shall be a graduating Fort Mill High School or Nation Ford High School student which meets the following requirements:

- Have been accepted at an accredited four-year institution of higher learning;
- With a declared Early Education major;
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA (on weighted scale);
- Provide an unofficial transcript high school course work to date;
- Provide a 500 word essay on the topic listed below;
- Student involvement in extracurricular activities and/or community service

SELECTION PROCESS: A committee composed of a Fort Mill/Nation Ford High School administrator, a guidance counselor, scholarship sponsor, and a teacher will review applications and essays and select a winner. Essays will remain anonymous to create a fair selection process.

AMOUNT: One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded at each Fort Mill High School and Nation Ford High School.

APPLICATION: Applicants are to complete and submit the application attached. In addition, applicants are to submit a 500 word essay covering: "Who or what has influenced you to continue your studies in the Early Education field and how do you intend to serve your community with this career? What are your plans for education after high school? What are your career plans? What are your accomplishments or service opportunities you have taken which showcase your passion for teaching? In ten years, what would your life/career look like to make the statement: *'Being an Early Childhood Educator is exactly what I had hoped it would be.'*" Return the application and essay to Guidance no later than March 1, 2018.

DISBURSEMENT: The scholarship check will be made payable and sent directly to the university or college upon receipt of the Student Scholarship Acceptance Form (provided at award notification). Recipients will be announced at the Fort Mill/Nation Ford High School Academic Awards in May.

Growing Children Scholarship Application

Name (print) _____

Address _____

Home Phone # & Cell #'s _____

Email Address _____

Parent's Names _____

School of Study/Curriculum Cluster _____

Grade Point Average _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

Education/Early Education Courses, year, and grade received:

Course	Year	Grade Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities (list or attach separately) _____

University, College or Technical School You Plan to Attend _____

Intended Major _____

Career Plans _____

I, (the applicant) do hereby attest that to the best of my knowledge the information on the application and associated attachments is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____