

To: SFAPAL Members

Date: 2025 Calendar year

Subject: Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Award

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Do you know a minority youth that never gives up? Do you know a youth when faced with obstacles decides to design their own course? Do you know a youth that he or she may be the first member of their family to go to college? Do you know a youth that is constantly talking and showing you how they want to create change for your community?

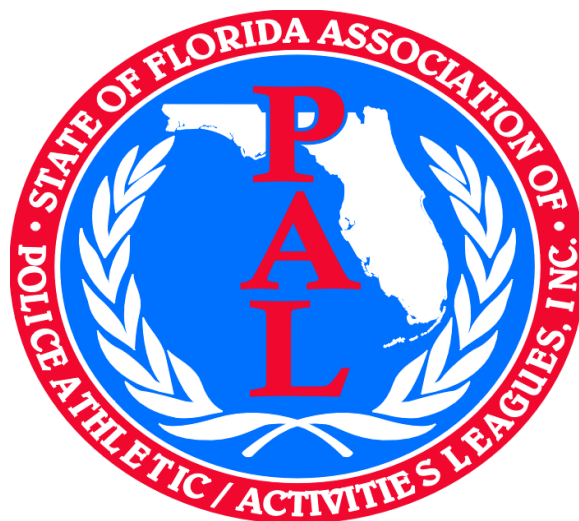
Does he or she work hard not only to help themselves but others? Do you know a youth that you feel that if they only had a chance you know they would make the best of the opportunity? If you have any of these outstanding young people involved with your PAL program show them how much they mean to you and nominate them for the Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship Award.

Enclosed you will find the application for the 2025 Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship Award Application.

Winners of all of the above scholarship award will be announced in November or December 2025 via Florida PAL's Social Media Platforms ( Instagram, Facebook and Website).

**The Winners of the Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship will receive their award during the 2025 Membership Training Conference, December 14, 2025 at Disney's Yacht Club Resort Conference Center in Lake Buena Vista, Florida\*. This arrangement is subject to change at the discretion of Florida PAL and because of that Florida PAL reserves the right to award the winners through the mail or at an alternate site, during an alternate time if at all necessary.**

**DEADLINE for Ileana Garcia Scholarship is October 30, 2025 before 4:00 PM EST. All applications must be submitted electronically. There will be no exceptions to this deadline since the Awards Committee will need adequate time to review each application. Applicants can apply for this scholarship as well as the PAL Boy and Girl of the Year, Max Trapasso Outstanding Youth Director Award, Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship, Florida PAL Tag You're IT Scholarship, Chris & Joyce Robinson Scholarship, the Beyond Good Intentions Scholarship, and the Jason Ingram Legacy of Learning Florida PAL Scholarship however you may only be awarded one award, once in a lifetime.**



## AWARDS PROGRAM

The State of Florida Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues (SFAPAL) will present awards at the Annual Membership Training Conference in December 2025..

The following awards will be presented:

1. Florida PAL Volunteer of the Year
2. Florida PAL Community Corporation of the year
3. Florida PAL Girl of the year
4. Florida PAL Boy of the year
5. Max Trappasso Outstanding Youth Director Award
6. **Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship Award**
7. Beyond Good Intentions Scholarship
8. Chris & Joyce Robinson Scholarship
9. Jason Ingram Legacy of Learning Scholarship Award
10. Florida PAL Tag You're It Scholarship Award

### Purpose of the Awards

The awards will be presented annually to honor the persons who have demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the citizens of their community through the PAL program. We urge all SFAPAL members to submit deserving candidates for consideration.

### Selection Committee

An independent committee will select the winner in each category.

**Please make sure to follow FL PAL on social media platforms..**

**web: [www.SFAPAL.com](http://www.SFAPAL.com)**

**Facebook Business Page: [FL PAL](#)**

**Instagram: [@sfapal](#)**

Support your local P.A.L. program by purchasing a P.A.L. Tag at your local tag agency.

## **Nominations for award shall be limited to (3) three parts:**

### **Part I- Completed Entry Form Sheet.**

Data should include only those activities or programs that took place during the current calendar year (2024-2025).

Electronically Submit **at least 3 clear Color Photos** of your nominee by email to Florida PAL.

[Must have at least two clear color photos]

### **Part II- Narrative.**

Electronically submit your narrative. Questions that should be addressed in the narrative are listed for each respective category of each award, reference page 4 of this application. The narrative can be free form and you must have a minimum of one full page, 8 ½ " X 11", typed, double-spaced, one side only. You may have a maximum of (3) three pages.

### **Part III- Letters of endorsement.**

Letters (minimum of 3, maximum of 5) from other organizations or individuals having direct knowledge of the achievements will be considered with the nomination. Scan these in and electronically submit them as well.

Recipients of the Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship Award will have the honor of receiving a plaque, being a guest of honor at a special SFAPAL event and having their story told to all meeting/ event attendees. Their photo and story of their achievements will be showcased on the SFAPAL Social Media Platforms and Website. Winners may attend the awards ceremony held during the December 2025 Membership Training Conference at Disney's Yacht Club Resort.

Winner(s) must be present to receive their check for (\$1000.00) One Thousand Dollars. The Award ceremony will be Sunday, December 14, 2025 (Time TBA).

### **Entry Deadlines and Submission Data**

Please make sure to electronically submit your the completed nomination (i.e. Entry Form, Narrative, Color Photos, and Letters of Endorsement]. All entries must be submitted to the state office on or before 4:00pm EST, October 30, 2025.

Entries should be submitted by email to:

FLPALMembersconnect@sfapal.org

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# Questions for Award Narrative

## Ileana Garcia Florida PAL Activist Scholarship Award

This narrative needs to be at least 300 words.

1. Brief description of the nominee's involvement with their respective PAL.
2. ***Brief description of their involvement with Florida PAL. (at least 75 words)***
3. School/Church/Community background.
4. What Does PAL Mean to Me? (at least 200 words)
5. What do I hope to accomplish through my pursuit of education/trade school/police academy?
6. ***What might you and Ileana Garcia have in common? (at least 100 words)***

You can read all about Ileana Garcia at [www.sfapal.com](http://www.sfapal.com) on the homepage to see what you may have in common.

## Eligibility for the Ileana Garcia Activist Scholarship

- Must be a Minority
  - Must be entering (Accepted to) a Florida College/University/Trade School/Police Academy
  - Must be a member of a local PAL and participated in FL PAL Youth Directors Program
  - Must be recommended by a PAL Director, FL PAL Board Member, or FL PAL Executive Director or FL PAL Program and Events Manager
  - Must have a 2.0 GPA or better
  - Must submit a copy of your final quarter Report Card
  - Must have participated in a PAL program for at least a year.
  - Must have participated in a SFAPAL (Florida PAL) program in 2020-2025
- Hint: Make sure to list any STATE PAL Events (State PAL Cheerleading, State PAL Boxing, State PAL Basketball and/or the Youth Directors Program) you have been involved with and or participated in.

**THE SFAPAL ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM  
AWARD NOMINATION  
ENTRY FORM  
ILEANA GARCIA FLORIDA PAL ACTIVIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

(A) Category\_\_\_\_\_

(B) Name of Nominee\_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ PAL Chapter

Age:\_\_\_\_\_ FL PAL Kids Trax Card#\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level\_\_\_\_\_ or Becoming a College Freshman\_\_\_\_\_

If Incoming Freshman, what University/College \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (Cell)\_\_\_\_\_ (H)\_\_\_\_\_

Email address:\_\_\_\_\_

Instagram\_\_\_\_\_

Threads or Twitter\_\_\_\_\_

(C) Name of person submitting  
nomination\_\_\_\_\_

(C- 1) Email of person submitting  
nomination:\_\_\_\_\_

(C-2) Relationship to Nominee:\_\_\_\_\_

(C-3) Phone (w)\_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)\_\_\_\_\_

(D) Signature of your PAL Chapter's President or Executive Director of the nominating PAL  
Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w)\_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)\_\_\_\_\_

I verify the information that is submitted in this nomination is factual, and can be verified.

(E) I understand the Nominee can only win "Once in a lifetime".

Entries must be received no later than 4:00pm on October 30, 2025

***Entries must be submitted to:***

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