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The Regulo Cuesta Memorial Scholarship, established by Esther and her late husband for the education of elementary or secondary school teachers who are committed to financial education, was recently announced. Criteria include a minimum GPA of 3.2, commitment to financial education, and an essay on how the Scholarship will help with their education. The Scholarship is administered by The Orange Educational and Cultural Foundation, in Phoenix, Arizona, and applications are due by May 15.

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