

Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2012 – 2013

Deadline: Friday, April 6, 2012

BACKGROUND

The Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association (CLFSA) at San José State University established an annual Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship to honor Dr. Galarza's commitment to the Chicano/Latino Community. CLFSA provides scholarship awards, in collaboration with community organizations and agencies, to assist students in their pursuit of higher education at San José State University. Scholarships honor Dr. Galarza by addressing some of the barriers students face in their pursuit of higher education.

Scholarship recognitions will be made at the Ernesto Galarza Symposium, which will take place on May 10, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for the 2012 – 2013 academic year, pending proof of enrollment at SJSU. The number of awards and amounts are contingent upon funding. Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship awards generally range from \$500 to \$1,500. The Dr. Ernesto Galarza scholarship application may also automatically qualify you for additional awards from the CLFSA.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students at San José State University who plan to enroll full-time in both the Fall and Spring Semesters of the 2012 – 2013 academic year. Students from San José City College, Evergreen Community College or National Hispanic University who have been admitted to SJSU for the 2012-2013 academic year may also apply for the scholarship.
- CONTINUING SJSU UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS must have been at SJSU for a minimum of two semesters. GRADUATE STUDENTS with less than two completed semesters at SJSU will need to present a copy of their undergraduate transcripts to demonstrate their potential for successful scholarship.
- The *minimum* cumulative SJSU G.P.A is as follows:
 - Undergraduate students: 2.5
 - Post Baccalaureates: 2.5
 - Graduate applicants: 3.0
 - Credential candidates: 3.0
- Applicants must show involvement and active participation in the Chicano/Latino community at large or in Chicano/Latino campus organizations.
- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the philosophy, works and contributions of Dr. Ernesto Galarza by drawing from his scholarship in the application essay.
- Finalists must be available for an interview with the selection committee chair on April 23 or 25, 2012. Candidates will be photographed as part of the interview process.
- Scholarship awards are valid only in the academic year for which they are awarded.
- Renewal candidates must submit new applications.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete and follow all instructions on the attached application. **Applications must be typed.** Submit the application and essays electronically no later than Friday, April 6, 2012.
2. Include two letters of recommendation from a university professor, advisor, employer and/or community representative. Letters must be written specifically for this application and be printed on official letterhead. Recommenders can send their letters electronically to clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu
3. Include an unofficial SJSU transcript (from MySJSU) covering a minimum of two semesters. Graduate students with less than two completed semesters will include a copy of their undergraduate transcripts. Please submit the most current unofficial transcript available.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS Checklist:

_____ Applicant Information Form

_____ Read Dr. Galarza's report, "**Bilingual, Bicultural Education in The San José Unified School District.**" As you read, consider questions such as: "What case does Dr. Galarza make for bilingual and bicultural education?"; "What support and/or backlash might Dr. Galarza have faced when writing this?"; "Who are our current advocates for bilingual and bicultural education?" This report is available as a PDF file at <http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>

_____ Reflect on the reading and then write a 4 – 6 page essay on the following:

Write an educational *testimonio* (a first-person narrative) that weaves your personal statement alongside your reflection on Dr. Galarza's report to the San José Unified School District (1973). This *testimonio* should be one essay that covers four areas:

1. A personal statement that describes your family background and explain the obstacles you have overcome in your educational journey.
2. A reflection on Dr. Galarza's "**Bilingual, Bicultural Education in The San José Unified School District**" examining the social, political, and economic conditions that affect the schooling of Chicanos and Latinos in San José, California.
3. Identify two recommendations for how SJSU might better serve the school experiences of Chicano and Latino students in the San José area.
4. Lastly, provide a statement about how you contribute to the betterment of Chicanos and Latinos with your actions now, and how you plan to do so in the future. Feel free to draw on other scholarship to support your ideas. Include a bibliography.

_____ Two letters of recommendation from a professor, advisor, employer and/or community representative.

_____ Unofficial transcript(s), minimum of two semesters.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

All application documents and photos will become the property of CLFSA and may be used for publicity or other relevant materials.

Guidelines for citing and evaluating information, as well as for avoiding plagiarism, are available at <http://library.sjsu.edu/instructional-services/plagiarism-resources>

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? Please contact Dr. Rebeca Burciaga, Galarza Committee Chair, by email at clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu or by phone at 408-924-3644.