

Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship 2014-2015

Essay Guidelines

To apply for this scholarship first become familiar with Dr. Ernesto Galarza's prolific academic scholarship as well as his activism on behalf of the Chicano/Latino community. Read a biographical essay by Richard Chabrán on Dr. Galarza to learn about his scholarship and his activist contributions. After reading Chabrán's essay, read the designated readings listed below to develop your application essay. Use the prompt to write your essay. It is important that you read critically, identify key points, and analyze the significance of Dr. Galarza's ideas about education to contemporary events, issues, or problems faced by Chicano/Latino communities today.

To develop your essay follow these guidelines:

Write an analytical essay that is 8-10 pages long. In preparing your essay use 1-inch margins, 12-point font (Times New Roman or Arial only). Your essay must include a bibliography or reference page using MLA, Chicago/Turabian or APA citation format. Avoid plagiarism by citing any excerpt you use within your essay properly. Guidelines for citing and evaluating information, as well as for avoiding plagiarism, are available at <http://library.sjsu.edu/instructional-services/plagiarism-resources>.

ESSAY PROMPT:

Dr. Galarza advocated greater access to education for Chicanas and Chicanos as a means of developing leadership, civic responsibility and empowerment. What were some of the barriers to education Dr. Galarza identified? Why is education such an important topic to Dr. Galarza? How relevant are those barriers today? In your essay illustrate your understanding of his ideas by using examples to support your discussion about his work. Lastly, discuss your informed concerns about similar issues in education that prompt you toward activism for the Chicano/Latino community today and in the future.

Your essay must include the following sections:

1. Introduction: In this section develop your thesis and describe the organization of your essay.
2. Body: Carefully examine and analyze Dr. Galarza's concerns, ideas and solutions to what might be referred to as the "education problem." This is the body of your paper, so be certain to enrich the essay with carefully selected and cited excerpts from Dr. Galarza's writing.
3. Conclusion: Powerfully take your reader to a place of understanding that demonstrates your mastery of Dr. Galarza's ideas and how you applied these to your deliberation over the problems of education in our community and your role in redressing these problems.
4. Bibliography

Required Readings: Found in SJSU Reserves

<http://library.sjsu.edu/course-reserves/course-reserves> (Professor: Blackmer)

You are required to read the following readings. However, feel free to draw on additional bibliographic sources you locate that are relevant to your essay. Be certain to include all references in your bibliography.

Articles

Chabrán, Richard. "Activism and Intellectual Struggle in the Life of Ernesto Galarza (1905-1984)." Pp. 135-152 in *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 1985, Vol 7 No. 2.

Book Chapters

"Analysis of the Mexican-American Minority." Pp. 36-56 in Ernesto Galarza, Herman Gallegos and Julian Samora, **Mexican-Americans in the Southwest**. Santa Barbara, California: McNally & Loftin, Publishers. 1969.

Interviews

"Personal Manifesto." Pp. 65-71 in Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres, **Man of Fire: Selected Writings, Ernesto Galarza**. Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press. 2013.

Reports

Galarza, Ernesto. **Bilingual, Bicultural Education in the San Jose Unified School District**. Department of Urban Education, San Jose Unified School District. 1973.

Speeches

"*The Mexican American: A National Concern*." Program for Action. Common Ground. Association of Mexican American Educators of California, Inc. 1949.



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