

Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2014 - 2015

Deadline: Friday, April 4, 2014

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 Dr. Ernesto Galarza Symposium, which will take place on May 15, 2014 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for the 2014 – 2015 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 \$1,000 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 2014–2015 academic year. Students from San José City College and Evergreen Community College who have been admitted to SJSU for the 2014-2015 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 on April 23, 24 or 25, 2014. 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 4, 2014.
- 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 transcript 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
- _____ Essay (8-10 pages). Read the ESSAY GUIDELINES for the preparation of your analytical essay. This document is available as a PDF file at <http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>
- _____ A personal statement that describes your family background, personal obstacles you overcame in your educational journey, and how you will contribute to our community (about 2 to 3 pages).
- _____ 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.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact Dr. Julia Curry, Galarza Committee Coordinator, by email at clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu



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