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 the 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 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. Use the prompt to write your essay.

**To develop your essay follow these guidelines:**

Write an analytical essay that is 6-8 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://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism

**ESSAY PROMPT:**

Dr. Ernesto Galarza paved the path for the civil rights movement throughout his life. Write an essay discussing the types of efforts he engaged in and how they relate to the contemporary political climate following the election of President Donald Trump. Supported your essay by reading the articles we are providing and any additional scholarly sources relevant to your topic. In your essay illustrate your understanding of Dr. Galarza’s ideas using examples to support your discussion about his work. Lastly, based on your research and readings discuss the importance of a continued struggle for civil rights that you personally know motivates your activism for the Chicano/Latino community today and in the future.

**Your essay must include the following sections:**

1. An 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 in relation to the essay prompt. 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 challenges 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**


**Book Chapters**


