

Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2017-2018

Deadline: Monday, March 6, 2017 - 5:00PM

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, scheduled for **September 2017 (date and time TBA)** at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for the 2017 – 2018 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 \$1,500 to \$5,000. The Dr. Ernesto Galarza scholarship application may also automatically qualify you for additional awards from the CLFSA.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants may 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 2017–2018 academic year as continuing students.
- Transfer students from Regional Community Colleges who have been admitted to SJSU for the 2017-2018 academic year are eligible to apply.
- California residents that are **undocumented** Mexican students are also eligible to apply. Indicate that you are applying for the IME Becas administered by CLFSA by checking the box on the application form.
- Continuing SJSU undergraduate applicants must have been at SJSU and completed a minimum of 12 units. Graduate students must have been at SJSU and completed a minimum of 6 units.
- The *minimum* cumulative SJSU G.P.A required is:
 - Undergraduate students: 3.0
 - Graduate applicants: 3.5
 - Credential candidates: 3.5
- Applicants must show involvement and active participation in the Chicano/Latino community at large or in Chicano/Latino campus organizations.
- Read and use the documents provided for the scholarship to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the philosophy, works, and contributions of Dr. Ernesto Galarza in your essay.
- The Committee will select scholarship finalists – for the Dr. Galarza and IME Scholar- who will be contacted to schedule an interview with the selection committee in March 2017.
- Candidates must submit a headshot as part of the application to be used in the program (no selfies).
- Scholarship awards are valid only in the academic year for which they are awarded.
- Renewal candidates must submit completely new applications.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Complete and follow all instructions on the attached application. **Applications must be typed.** Submit the application and essays electronically at clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu no later than Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:00pm.
- 2 Include **two** letters of recommendation preferably from a university professor or academic advisor. Letters may also be requested from an employer and/or community representative if no professor is identified. Letters must be on letterhead, signed, and must be written specifically for this application. Ask your recommenders to send their letters directly as PDF files to clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu
- 3 Submit a current unofficial transcript.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS CHECKLIST

- _____ Applicant Information Form
- _____ Essay (6-8 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 (2-3 pages) that describes your family background, personal obstacles you have overcome in your educational journey, and how you will contribute to our community.
- _____ **Two** letters of recommendation as described above.
- _____ Unofficial transcript.

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. Joshua Troncoso, Galarza Committee Chair, by email at clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu



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