Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship 2018-2019

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 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:

Read the selections by Dr. Galarza and the introduction to Dr. Galarza by Richard Chabran provided for you. What issues did Dr. Galarza address? Thinking about these readings and contemporary problems encountering our Chicano/Latino community, write an essay where you do the following:

1. Identify an issue of concern to the Mexican American community.
2. Analyze the issue in terms of its impact on the Chicano/Latino community and consider Dr. Galarza’s point of view.
3. Finally, discuss how Dr. Galarza might have addressed this problem in the present.
4. Describe and explain how this issue is a call to action to you in your work in defense of our communities.

Some examples of problems you may wish to explore are:

1. Immigration - (Including border security, H1 reform, DACA and/or Dreamers, TPS, etc).
2. The 2017 Federal Tax Reform
3. Net neutrality in terms of access to information
4. Changes to the Affordable Care Act
5. An issue you identify that is similar to these issues and for which you provide evidence
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 and any additional scholarship you may find useful.
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 including the provided materials and any other readings you use to develop your essay.

Readings: Will be available on a Google Drive. Send email request to Elma.Arredondo@sjsu.edu for access to folder.

You are required to read the following readings. However, you must also draw on additional bibliographic sources that are relevant to your essay. Some additional readings are found on the Google drive. Be certain to include all references in your bibliography.

Required Articles


Book Chapters