

Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2018-2019

Deadline: Friday, March 16, 2018 - 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.

PROCESS

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee of the CLFSA. Awards will be disbursed for 2018 – 2019, 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 qualify you for additional awards from the CLFSA.

Scholarship awards are valid only in the academic year for which they are awarded.

Renewal candidates must submit completely new applications.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Undergraduate or graduate students at San José State University who expect to enroll **full-time** in the Fall and/or Spring Semesters of 2018-2019 as continuing students.
- Transfer students from Regional Community Colleges who have been admitted to SJSU for 2018-2019 are eligible to apply.
- Mexican Citizens who are California residents are eligible to apply. Please check the IME Becas 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
- Demonstrate involvement and active participation in the Chicano/Latino community at large or in Chicano/Latino campus organizations.

REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a headshot photo with the application to be used in the program (no selfies).
- If chosen by the Scholarship Review Committee and are selected as a candidate for the Dr. Galarza and IME Scholar, be available for an interview with the committee in March.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Scholarship recognitions will be made at the Dr. Ernesto Galarza Symposium, scheduled for **September 2018 (date and time TBA)** at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.
- All application documents and photos will become the property of CLFSA and may be used for publicity or other relevant materials.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Complete the application materials following all instructions. **Your application must be typed.**

Submit the application materials electronically to clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu

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COMPLETED APPLICATIONS CHECKLIST

- _____ **Applicant Information Form** (download PDF and fill-out electronically). This document is available as a fillable PDF file at <http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>
- _____ **Essay** (6-8 pages). Read the ESSAY GUIDELINES and provided materials for the preparation of your research essay. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the philosophy, works, and contributions of Dr. Ernesto Galarza in your essay. This document is available as a PDF file at <http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>
- _____ **Personal Statement** (2-3 pages). Write an essay that describes your family background, personal obstacles you have overcome in your educational journey, and how you will contribute to our community.
- _____ **Letters of Recommendation.** Letters must be from at least one university professor and one academic advisor. If you do not have access to a professor, you may request a letter from an employer and/or community representative who can speak to your academic promise and experience. Letters must be on letterhead, signed, and written specifically for this application. Ask your recommenders to send their letters directly as PDF files to clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu. Do not submit letters from students or family members.
- _____ **Transcript(s)** (Current, may be unofficial)
- _____ **Photo** (headshot for program - no selfies).

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact Dr. Julia Curry, Galarza Scholarship Coordinator, by email at Julia.Curry@sjsu.edu



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