Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship 2019-2020

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 an 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 below to write your essay.

To develop your essay follow these guidelines:

Write an essay that is 6-8 pages long. Mechanics: 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. Galarza advocated greater access to education for Chicanas and Chicanos as a means of developing leadership, civic responsibility and empowerment. Read the selections by Dr. Galarza and the introduction to Dr. Galarza by Richard Chabran we are providing. Use these readings to think about similar contemporary problems encountering our Chicano/Latino community to write an essay where you do the following:

- 1. Identify some of the barriers to education in the Mexican American community today.
- 2. Analyze the importance of education, barriers to education, its impact on the Chicano/Latino community drawing on Dr. Galarza's point of view in the readings provided.
- 3. Discuss Dr. Galarza's ideas drawing on the literature you have read and by using examples to support your discussion about his work.
- 4. Finally explain how the importance of education is a call to action to you in your work in defense of our communities. That is, explain how you interpret Dr. Galarza's position on education and your ideas about what you can do to further that position using your own educational achievement and professional aspirations.

Organize your essay using the following sections:

- 1. Introduction: In this section develop your thesis and describe the organization of your essay.
- 2. Body: Write about your examination and analysis of 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 useful to support your essay.
- 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 of the reading materials provided by CLFSA and any other readings you use to develop your essay.

Readings: Will be available on a Google Drive. To receive the readings, please send an email request to Elma.Arredondo@sjsu.edu for access to the folder.

You are required to demonstrate that you have read the readings. You must also draw on additional bibliographic references relevant to your essay. Be certain to include all references in your bibliography.

Required Articles

Chabrán, Richard. "Activism and Intellectual Struggle in the Life of Ernesto Galarza (1905-1984)." Pp. 135-152 in Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences, 1985, Vol 7 No. 2.

Reports

Galarza, Ernesto. "Bilingual-Bicultural Education in the San Jose Unified School District." Department of Urban Education SJUSD and San Jose Model Cities, Inc., 1973.

Book Chapters

2013. "Part 4 – Power, Culture and History." Pages 131 - 174 in Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres, Man of Fire: Selected Writings, Ernesto Galarza. Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press.



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