

# Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2010 – 2011

**Deadline: 4:00pm on Thursday, April 29, 2010**

## 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 Ernesto Galarza Symposium, which will take place on May 13, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for the 2010 – 2011 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 \$500 to \$1,500. The Dr. Ernesto Galarza scholarship application may also automatically qualify you for additional awards from the CLFSA.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students at San José State University who plan to enroll in both the Fall and Spring Semesters of the 2010 – 2011 academic year. Transfer students from San José City College, Evergreen Community College or National Hispanic University are also welcome to apply if they have been accepted to enroll at SJSU for the upcoming academic year.
- CONTINUING SJSU UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS must have been at SJSU for a minimum of two semesters. GRADUATE STUDENTS with less than two completed semesters at SJSU will need to present a copy of their undergraduate transcripts to demonstrate their potential for successful scholarship.
- The *minimum* cumulative SJSU G.P.A is as follows:
  - Undergraduate students: 2.5
  - Post Baccalaureates: 2.5
  - Graduate applicants: 3.0
  - Credential candidates: 3.0
- Applicants must show involvement and active participation in the Chicano/Latino community at large or in Chicano/Latino campus organizations.
- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the philosophy, works and contributions of Dr. Ernesto Galarza by drawing from his scholarship in the application essay.
- Finalists must be available for an interview with the selection committee chair on May 4, 2010. Candidates will be photographed as part of the interview process.
- Renewal candidates must submit new applications.

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete and follow all instructions on the attached application. **Applications must be typed.** Submit the application and essays electronically to [Dr.Galarza2010@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.Galarza2010@gmail.com) no later than 4:00pm on Thursday, April 29, 2010.
2. Include two letters of recommendation from a university professor, advisor, employer and/or community representative. Letters must be written specifically for this application and be printed on official letterhead. Recommenders can send their letters electronically to [Dr.Galarza2010@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.Galarza2010@gmail.com).
3. Include an unofficial SJSU transcript (from MySJSU) covering a minimum of two semesters.

## COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- o Applicant Information Form
- o A Personal Statement of 1 – 2 pages in which you describe your family background and explain the obstacles you have overcome in your educational journey.
- o Read Dr. Galarza's essay, "The Mexican American: A National Concern," featured as a .pdf at the CLFSA website (<http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>) and reflect on his statements. Then write a 4 – 6 page essay in which you do the following:
  1. Describe Dr. Galarza's vision in your own words;
  2. Identify what you view as the issues affecting Chicana/os today; and
  3. Explain how your campus and/or community involvement and your future goals carry on Dr. Galarza's legacy.
- o Two letters of recommendation from a professor, advisor, employer and/or community representative.
- o Unofficial transcript(s), minimum of two semesters

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

All application documents and photos will become the property of CLFSA and may be used for publicity or other relevant materials.

You can discover more about Dr. Galarza in the SJSU Chicano Library Collection and online at [www.sjlibrary.org/research/databases/sguide\\_subjectList.htm?subID=97&catID=2](http://www.sjlibrary.org/research/databases/sguide_subjectList.htm?subID=97&catID=2)

Guidelines for citing and evaluating information, as well as for avoiding plagiarism, are available at [www.sjlibrary.org/services/literacy/info\\_comp/citing.htm](http://www.sjlibrary.org/services/literacy/info_comp/citing.htm)

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?** Please contact Galarza Committee Chair Dr. Magdalena Barrera by email at [Dr.Galarza2010@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.Galarza2010@gmail.com) or by phone at 408-924-5583.