

# Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2011 - 2012

**Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011**

## **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 12, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for the 2011 - 2012 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 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 for a minimum of 12 units each semester. 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 the last week of April 2011. 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 no later than Friday, April 8, 2011.
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 [clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu](mailto:clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu)
3. Include an unofficial SJSU transcript (from MySJSU) covering a minimum of two semesters. Graduate students with less than two completed semesters will include a copy of their undergraduate transcripts.

### COMPLETED APPLICATIONS Checklist:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Information Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement of 1 – 2 pages in which you describe your family background and explain the obstacles you have overcome in your educational journey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read Dr. Galarza's essays, "**Alternatives to the Bracero**", "**Defeat of the Domestic**", "**The Public Image of Public Law 78**" and Devon Pena's letter on the AB1170 to Gov. Brewer. These readings are available as PDF files at <http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reflect on the readings and then write a 4 – 6 page essay in which you do the following:
  - Addresses the social, political, and economic conditions that affect Mexican Americans where you live, work, or study today comparing them to the issues raised by Drs Galarza and Peña. In your essay, tell us how you contribute to the betterment of the Mexican American community with your actions and thoughts now and plan to in the future. Feel free to draw on other scholarship to support your ideas. Include a bibliography.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation from a professor, advisor, employer and/or community representative.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Guidelines for citing and evaluating information, as well as for avoiding plagiarism, are available at <http://library.sjsu.edu/instructional-services/plagiarism-resources>

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?** Please contact Blanca Millan, Galarza Committee Chair, by email at [clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu](mailto:clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu) or by phone at 408-924-2033.