

# Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Application, 2015 - 2016

## Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2015

### 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 Dr. Ernesto Galarza Symposium, scheduled for September 2015 (date and time TBA) at the Cultural Heritage Center at MLK Library at SJSU.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for the 2015 – 2016 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 \$1,500 to \$5,000. 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 **full-time** in both the Fall and Spring Semesters of the 2015–2016 academic year as continuing students.
- Transfer students from Regional Community Colleges who have been admitted to SJSU for the 2015-2016 academic year may apply.
- California resident **undocumented** Mexican students who are AB540 or other student designation are also eligible for the IME Becas administered by CLFSA.
- 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: 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 in their applicant essay by drawing from the documents provided.
- Finalists will be contacted and must be available for an interview with the selection committee in May, 2015.
- Candidates must agree to submit a headshot as part of the interview process to be used in the program (no selfies).
- Scholarship awards are valid only in the academic year for which they are awarded.
- 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 no later than Friday, May 1, 2015.
- 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 may send their letters electronically to [clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu](mailto:clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu)
- 3 Please submit a current unofficial transcript.

## COMPLETED APPLICATIONS CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Information Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay (8-10 pages). Read the ESSAY GUIDELINES for the preparation of your analytical essay. This document is available as a PDF file at <http://www.sjsu.edu/clfsa/Scholarship/>
- \_\_\_\_\_ A personal statement that describes your family background, personal obstacles you overcame in your educational journey, and how you will contribute to our community (about 2 to 3 pages).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two** letters of recommendation from a professor, advisor, employer and/or community representative.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial transcript

## IMPORTANT NOTES

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

## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact Dr. Joshua Troncoso, Galarza Committee Chair, by email at [clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu](mailto:clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu)



Chicano/Latino Faculty & Staff Association

