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HUMAN AGENDA

SJSU SAN JOSÉ STATE
UNIVERSITY

DR. ERNESTO GALARZA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, 2018-2019 (Second Call)

DEADLINE: JULY 13, 2018 - 5:00PM

BACKGROUND

The Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association (CLFSA) at San José State University established an annual Scholarship to honor Dr. Galarza's commitment to the Chicano/Latino Community in 1984. Often referred to as the Dr. Ernesto Galarza, the CLFSA offers multiple scholarships to students every year.

The CLFSA scholarship awards have expanded with our permanent endowment and generous donations from individual donors, community organizations and agencies. We continue to assist students in their pursuit of higher education at San José State University. All CLFSA scholarships honor Dr. Galarza and introduce applicants to his phenomenal contributions to our communities. Our scholarships are designated for Dr. Galarza, IME Becas, Northern California NACCS Foco, and Gabriela de la Piedra. With our scholarships CLFSA addresses some of the barriers students face in their pursuit of higher education through our awards for scholarships and stipends and by honoring our scholars and s/heroes.

Applications are reviewed by a committee of the CLFSA consisting of CLFSA leadership and former recipients of our scholarship and the Dr. Galarza and/or IME Beca Scholar recognition.

Scholarship awards will be disbursed for 2018 - 2019, pending proof of enrollment at SJSU through the SJSU Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. The number of awards and the amount of awards are contingent upon available funds. Scholarship awards are valid only in the academic year for which they are awarded.

Applicants must meet **all requirements** as described below for their particular designation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Both Undergraduate and graduate students at San José State University who expect to enroll **full-time** in the fall and/or Spring Semesters of 2018-2019 may apply for the scholarships. Based on their designation, Student Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Continuing Student Enrollment requirements: SJSU undergraduates must have been enrolled and completed a minimum of 12 units. Graduate Students must have been enrolled and completed a minimum of 6 units.

Transfer students from Regional Community Colleges are eligible to apply if they have been admitted to SJSU for 2018-2019.

Students who have previously received the scholarship may reapply as candidates by developing a completely new application and meeting all enrollment and GPA requirements at the time of their application.

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Minimum cumulative SJSU GPA Requirements:

- Undergraduate student applicants: 3.0
- Graduate student applicants: 3.5
- Credential student applicants: 3.5

Involvement and Leadership in Chicano/Latino Community

- Demonstrate active participation for the betterment of the Chicano/Latino community at large or in SJSU Chicano/Latino campus organizations.

The San José Mexican Consulate, the Secretaria de Mexicanos en el Exterior and CLFSA support scholarships designated IME Becas

- Only Mexican Citizens or descendants of Mexican citizens who are California residents are eligible for these scholarships. IME requires proof of citizenship for this award – a birth certificate, or similar document for you and/or the person who qualifies you must be submitted with the application. Check the IME Becas box and provide information as specified.

CLFSA Endowments and Donations fund scholarships designated Dr. Galarza Scholarships

- Applicants may include students from other Latina/o heritage groups. Check box and provide information as specified.

Undocumented Immigrant Students who are Mexican or Latino are eligible and may apply.

- Students may belong to any of the policy designations for undocumented immigrant students (e.g., AB540/2000). Check box and provide information as specified.
- You may also check the IME Becas box if you are of Mexican citizenship or ancestry.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION AND SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a high-resolution photo of yourself with the application to be used in the program (Please, no selfies).
- For Mexican or Mexican-origin applicants, please submit a copy of an official proof of citizenship such as birth certificate, matrícula consular, baptismal record, or other similar document.
- Fill out and submit the financial need form provided.
- If chosen by the Scholarship Review Committee to receive a scholarship and also selected as a candidate for the Dr. Galarza Scholar and/or IME Scholar, you must be available for an in-person interview with the committee in August.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Scholarship recognitions will be made at the Dr. Ernesto Galarza Symposium Reception/Ceremony, scheduled for **September 2018 (date and time TBA)** at the MLK Library Africana, Asian American, Chicano and Native American (AAACNA) Center at SJSU.
- All application documents and photos will become the property of CLFSA and may be used for grant reports, publicity, and/or other relevant materials.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

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

Convert all of your application materials into **one PDF file**. Label the file by using your last name and first name and indicating CLFSA Scholarship 2018-2019- July. Finally, submit your file to: clfsa-scholarship-group@sjsu.edu

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/>. After completing the form, label appropriately, save and ensure that the information has been saved. It may require you to print as PDF.
- _____ **Essay** (6-8 pages). Read the ESSAY GUIDELINES –Prompt 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. Please note that you are provided a background article by Richard Chabrán, please do not use this as your only, or basic reference. Instead read all of the additional materials, think about the prompt and develop your essay with the required and any additional references you may find appropriate for your essay. All applicants must write a new and original essay (including re-applicant students). The instructions document for the essay 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, ethnic/racial heritage, including any personal obstacles you have overcome in your educational journey, and how you will contribute to our community. If you are a former recipient, please write an updated personal statement to apply.
- _____ **Letters of Recommendation**. Ask two professionals who can provide evidence about your academic accomplishments and promise to write original letters for you. At least one letter must be from a university professor, and the second letter may be from a counselor, academic advisor, or other university official. If you do not have access to a professor, you may request a letter from an employer and/or a 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, family members, or employers who are not lined to education and/or professional development.**
- _____ **Transcript(s)** (Current, may be unofficial). Please save as PDF files.
- _____ **Photo** (headshot for program - no selfies). Save as jpg or tiff to submit.
- _____ **Financial Need Form**.
- _____ **If you are Mexican or of Mexican Ancestry**, official document as pdf file.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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