

**2016 - 2017
IME Becas Scholarship**

Application Deadline: 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 16, 2016

The Center for Latin American Studies, Women's Resource Center and Honor's College at the University of Utah are pleased to announce a scholarship competition for graduate and undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Utah during spring semester, 2017. The goal of the scholarship, funded in collaboration between the Consulate of Mexico in Salt Lake City and the above mentioned departments and offices, is to provide financial assistance for promising low-income students who demonstrate a commitment to leadership or service that benefits the Mexican immigrant population.

The scholarship qualifies under SB 253, which makes it so any student who graduates from a Utah high school (regardless of high school graduation year) is not required to provide proof of lawful U.S. presence for scholarships or tuition waivers in Utah's public colleges and universities. Therefore, regardless if the student does or does not have DACA, as long as they have graduated from a Utah high school, they may apply to privately funded scholarships administered by public colleges or universities in Utah.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**

Visit Our Website

www.womenscenter.utah.edu

Email

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Call or Meet In-Person

Women's Resource Center
411 Union
801-581-8030

Scholarship Requirements

IME Becas Scholarship

The IME Becas Scholarship is offered with the intent to foster the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented and first generation college students. The scholarship supports qualified undergraduate and graduate students who have experience with or commitment to working with Mexican immigrant communities. This opportunity is open to all genders.

Award Amount: \$500-\$2000

Number of Awards: Varies

All applicants must meet the requirements listed below:

1. Must have and maintain a semester and cumulative 3.0 GPA.
2. Be a resident of the state of Utah.
3. Must have graduated from a Utah high school.
4. Must be an admitted, undergraduate or graduate, degree seeking student at The University of Utah.
5. Be able to demonstrate experience with, a commitment to, and leadership or service within Mexican immigrant communities.
6. Be able to demonstrate financial need.
7. Must maintain full-time enrollment status (minimum 12 credit hours undergraduate or 9 credit hours graduate) to receive funding.
8. Preference will be given to first generation college students.

To Apply

1. Complete scholarship application. Do not leave any questions unanswered. If you feel as though the question does not apply to you, please put N/A in the answer field.
2. Submit a personal statement that is double spaced and no longer than 2 pages. It must meet the guidelines set forth in the selection and notification page.
3. Include one letter of reference. The letter of reference must be placed in an envelope and then sealed. The person writing the letter of reference must sign the envelope across the seal of the envelope. This is the preferred method of submittal. If the recommender would like to submit it by other means please have them email nwobbe-espinoza@sa.utah.edu.
4. Include official transcripts. Official transcripts should not be opened nor taken out of the envelope provided by the issuing institution.
5. Provide documentation of financial need. Guidelines for documentation are described on the following page.

All documents must be placed in a large plain brown or white envelope. Documents should not be folded nor stapled.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Women's Resource Center by Friday, December 16, 2016 at 3:00pm. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Selection and Notification

Applications are due **Friday, December 16, 2016 at 3:00 pm**. Applicants will be selected based on the following information:

1. Academic Performance

Determination is based on the student's academic performance (GPA) and field of study as reflected in official transcripts. Exceptions can be made for official transcripts if the student is unable to obtain an official copy. Include a statement indicating why the student is unable to provide official transcripts, and attach unofficial transcripts instead.

2. Personal Statement, Goals, and Extra-Curricular Activities

We are judging on the content of the letter rather than the style of the writer. All personal statements must include, but are not limited to:

- i. Specific experience in leadership or service within the Mexican immigrant community.
- ii. Well defined academic, personal and professional goals.
- iii. Student's involvement in extra curricular activities, cultural/academic organizations, participation in school-wide and community activities and/or employment.
- iv. Reasons why student is a viable candidate for this scholarship

Optional information that could be included in the personal statement and is not required:

- o Personal barriers student has had to overcome to achieve educational goals.
- o Any unusual or extraordinary circumstances regarding your situation which you feel should be known in considering your application for a scholarship.

3. Letters of Recommendation

- a. One letter of recommendation from a person in a position of authority. This can be from a professor or teacher, employment supervisor, or leadership within a volunteer organization. It cannot be from a parent, relative or friend. It should include:
 - i. How long and in what capacity do you know the applicant?
 - ii. What are the academic strengths and challenges of the applicant?
 - iii. Why do you consider the applicant particularly qualified for this scholarship

4. Financial Need

Applicant must be able to provide documentation that reflects financial need. This could be a current FAFSA student aid report, tax returns, or income statement.

5. Special Consideration

Obstacles student has had to overcome such as: single-parent home, disabilities, negative environment, personal barriers, and/or extenuating circumstances.

Award notifications will be emailed in the middle of January 2017 to the applicants **UMail account**. It is important that you check your **UMAIL** account provided to you by the University of Utah as all correspondence concerning your scholarship will be communicated via email. Do not **ONLY** check the account you have your **UMAIL** forwarded to (if you forward your **UMAIL**), it's important to actually log into **UMAIL** as email is not always forwarded successfully. For more information on your **UMAIL** account, please visit: <http://www.it.utah.edu/services/email/umail/index.html>.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The WRC Scholarship Application must include:

- A completed and signed WRC scholarship application.

- Personal statement.
 - Be concise and limit your response to a total of two, typed, double spaced pages. The statement must address the following:
 - a. Specific experience in leadership or service within the Mexican immigrant community.
 - b. Well defined academic, personal and professional goals.
 - c. Student's involvement in extracurricular activities, cultural/academic organizations, participation in school-wide and community activities and/or employment.
 - d. Reasons why student is a viable candidate for this scholarship
 - e. Optional: Personal barriers student has had to overcome to achieve educational goals.
 - f. Optional: Any unusual or extraordinary circumstances regarding your situation which you feel should be known in considering your application for a scholarship.

- Official** copy of college transcript(s) for all schools attended. If you have attended the University of Utah for four full semesters (or two years), you may submit your "Summary of Transfer Credit" in addition to official University of Utah transcripts in lieu of providing official transcripts from all other institutions.

- One letter of recommendation.
 - The letters of recommendation may be mailed directly to the WRC or included with your scholarship application in a sealed envelope (your letter writer must sign across the seal of the envelope).
 - Your letter writer must answer the following questions:
 - a. How long and in what capacity do you know the applicant?
 - b. What are the academic strengths and challenges of the applicant?
 - c. Why do you consider the applicant particularly qualified for this scholarship?

- Documentation demonstrating financial need.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Student ID (uNID): _____

Email Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Have you ever been a Women's Resource Center Scholarship Recipient? Yes No

If Yes, which one (s): _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Are you currently a Utah resident, as determined by the Admissions Office? Yes No If no, list state or country of residence: _____

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No If no, check one of the following:
 Permanent Resident
 Student Visa
 Utah High School Graduate

Current Year in School: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	Expected Graduation Date (semester & year): _____
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Major: _____	Specify College/Department: _____
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Which degree will you be working toward for the next year ('17 -'18)? <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.	Is this your first Bachelor's degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Is this your first graduate degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Total Earned Hours: _____	Cumulative GPA: _____
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How many credit hours do you plan to enroll in?	Spring 2017 _____
	Summer 2017 _____

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Have you applied for other scholarships or other sources of financial aid?: Yes No

Are you receiving reduced tuition benefits and/or a U of U Tuition Waiver?: Yes No

If you answered Yes to either of these questions, please list all scholarships, financial aid, loans and tuition assistance and expected award amount (Attach additional sheets if needed):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

SCHOLARSHIP RELATED INFORMATION

This information is collected as it relates specifically to the scholarship you are applying for. If you would like to complete other portions of this section, we may use that information to obtain additional grants and funds.

Age: _____	Gender: _____	Marital / Partner Status: _____
Race/ Ethnicity: _____	Country of Origin: _____	1 st Generation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes College Student: <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a gap of 5 years or greater in education (from high school to college or during your college education)?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, list beginning and end dates of gaps in education: _____ <small>Month/Year to Month/Year</small>
Do you have dependent children under age 26?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a single parent?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a survivor of domestic violence?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Are you or will you be employed full-time during the 2016-2017 academic year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a qualified member or progeny of a member of Beta Gamma of Alpha Delta Pi?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If progeny, list member name: _____

Signature and Agreements

Initial

_____ I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and that I will notify the Women's Resource Center (WRC) immediately if my circumstances change or if I am awarded other scholarships.

_____ I agree to the release of any information provided on this form to individuals inside and/or outside of the University of Utah for the purpose of determining the awarding of scholarships.

_____ I authorize the Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid Office, Scholarship Office or any other University of Utah office or department to release information to the Women's Resource Center and/or Scholarship Committee as needed for establishing initial and ongoing eligibility for the scholarship.

_____ I agree to waive my right to have access to all documents and processes utilized in determining the awarding of scholarships.

_____ I understand that I must check my UMAIL regularly. All correspondence concerning this scholarship will be communicated via email. Failure to check UMAIL may result in withdrawal of the scholarship.

_____ I understand that I must maintain a semester and cumulative 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) as required by the scholarship for which I am applying. If I do not maintain the GPA required, I understand that the scholarship may be revoked and may have to be repaid.

_____ I understand that I must meet the **minimum Credit Hour** requirement for the scholarship for which I am applying. I understand that if I drop below the minimum Credit Hour requirement, the scholarship may be revoked and I may be required to return, forfeit, or pay back all scholarship funds.

_____ I affirm my intent to use any scholarship monies awarded to me solely for the purpose of continuing my education; furthermore, if I am selected to receive a scholarship:

- 1) I agree to write a thank you letter(s) to the donor(s).
- 2) I understand I may be invited to attend orientations, press conferences, receptions, dinners and other events held with or for the Women's Resource Center, Center for Latin American Studies, Honor's College, Mexican Consulate, and/or Donors and that my attendance is REQUIRED and is considered of great importance;
- 3) I authorize the use of my likeness or pictures of me by entities within the University of Utah or the Mexican Consulate and understand that pictures, videos and thank you letters may be used in newsletters, websites, social media, and/or promotional materials.

Print Name: _____

Student ID (uNID) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____