

The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund 2018-2019 Application Information

Dear Chicana/o Scholarship Applicant:

In 1973, in honor of the ideals and principles of equal opportunity and social justice in education, a group of Chicana/os comprised of members from the community and University of Utah students, staff, and faculty initiated the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund at the University of Utah. Committed to all students of diversity who promote the cultural pride and tradition of the Chicana/o-Latina/o community, the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund recognizes and assists students in their undergraduate and/or graduate education endeavors. The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund awards a number of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will be entering their freshman year at the University of Utah and undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Utah.

Eligible students are selected on the basis of family background, scholastic effort and involvement in community activities that promote cultural pride and strengthen the Chicana/o-Latina/o community. Financial need may strongly influence the final selection.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be:

- Admitted to the University of Utah as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, AND
- A resident of the state of Utah (minimum of 5 years).
- Eligible to receive federal financial aid, OR
- A Dreamer (with or without DACA) who graduated from a high school in Utah.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit:

- The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Application (with personal statement),
- Official academic transcripts, and
- Two letters of recommendation.

Students who are selected to receive a scholarship or other financial aid that is administered by the University of Utah *after* July 1, 2009, are required by state law to certify under penalty of perjury that they are eligible to receive the scholarship as a U.S. citizen *or* a citizen of another country who is lawfully present in the United States. If you do not know whether you are lawfully within the United States, you should seek the advice of an immigration attorney before filing a scholarship/financial aid application.

Dreamers (with or without DACA) must have graduated from high school in Utah to be eligible for the award.



The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Application Form

DUE: January 31, 2018

Please complete and submit this application form and all other supporting document (i.e., personal statement, official academic transcripts, and two letters of recommendation) no later than date listed above, to ensure that you are fully considered for the scholarship.

Applicant Information:

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Social Security No.: _____

Current Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a Utah resident: Yes No

If you have not resided in Utah for a minimum of 5 years you are not eligible to apply

Education:

High School Attended: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ ACT or SAT Score: _____

Educational Status (next academic year):

Entering Freshman Student Transfer Student

Undergraduate Student Graduate Student

Major or Major Interest of College: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Total College Credits Earned: _____

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	Application__	Transcripts__	LREC1__	LREC2__	FINAID__
DOA	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Contact with Applicant:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Application Form (cont.)

Please address the following questions in a two-page personal statement. Please be certain to align your responses with the corresponding number.

Personal Statement:

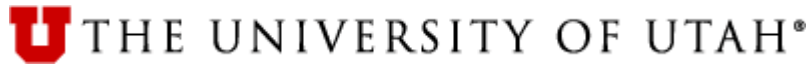
1. Discuss your familial background (i.e., familial history, strengths, and challenges).
2. In the spirit of the Chicana/o struggle for equality and social justice, discuss personal challenges you have had to overcome in order to pursue your educational goal of attending college (i.e., lack of supportive role models, non-traditional student, poverty, first-generation college student, etc.) and how overcoming these challenges have helped you grow as an individual. You may wish to answer questions number one and two together.
3. Discuss persons and/or events that have influenced or encouraged you the most in your educational goals and academic endeavors. Discuss how these persons and/or events have helped you in achieving your educational goals and academic endeavors.
4. Discuss how your educational and professional goals may contribute to the advancement of the Chicana/o-Latina/o community.
5. Discuss the nature of your involvement in the Chicana/o-Latina/o community (i.e., school, political, social, church, etc.).
6. List all non-paid volunteer positions you have held in the past three years. Include the nature and length of your involvement. Are volunteer hours a requirement for graduation?

Please submit the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund application (with personal statement), official academic transcript(s) and two letters of recommendation, to the person at the address illustrated on the following pages. Please do not submit more than two letters of recommendation, as only the first two letters will be reviewed by the selection committee. It is strongly recommended that one letter of recommendation be from an instructor or professor who is familiar with your performance in the classroom and can attest to your academic abilities and one letter from an individual who is familiar with your work in the community and can attest to your leadership abilities. To ensure that you are considered for the Chicana/o Scholarship, it is the applicant's responsibility to submit all application materials and supporting documents in person or postmarked no later than **January 31, 2018**. Illegible or incomplete packets will not be processed. If you need assistance completing the application and/or have questions regarding the status of your application, please contact Feleti Matagi, Director of Undergraduate Diversity Scholarships, at (801) 581-4378 or f.matagi@utah.edu.

The responses on this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

Applicant's Signature

Date



Authorization to Release Information and to Publicize Award

- I hereby authorize information regarding my academic record and financial aid award be released to the University of Utah Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Committee.
 - In the event that I am awarded the Chicana/o Scholarship, I hereby authorize the University of Utah Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Committee to share or publish my information (i.e., name, major, and/or degree awarded) for purposes associated with recruitment and/or public relations.
 - In the event that I am awarded the Chicana/o Scholarship, I hereby authorize the University of Utah Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Committee to share or publish my information (i.e., image and personal vignettes) for purposes associated with recruitment and/or public relations.

Signature of Applicant

Date



The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Award Agreement Contract

I, _____ understand that by accepting the Chicana/o Scholarship, the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Committee requires that I adhere to the following requirements, which include:

1. I will register and enroll in Ethnic Studies 2500, Introduction to Ethnic Studies (requirement for incoming freshman students only),
2. I will attend all of the class sessions I am registered in and I will complete all of the assignments for the classes I am registered in,
3. I will participate in all class exercises and will meet with the faculty/instructor when I have questions,
4. I will make every effort to become and/or remain involved with university organizations and/or community by attending/participating in various events or volunteering,
5. I will be a good citizen of the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund program by attending and participating in all Chicana/o Scholarship Fund opportunities and events,
6. I will meet the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Academic Advisor at least once a semester,
7. I will provide the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Academic Advisor with a hard and/or electronic copy of my academic transcripts and Degree Auditing Report System (DARS) report at end of each semester,
8. I will provide the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Academic Advisor with new contact information should my mailing address, phone number, and/or email address change,
9. I will notify the Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Academic Advisor of any problems or concerns affecting my performance in/at the University of Utah immediately, and
10. I will utilize available University of Utah student support services and resources (i.e., tutoring, writing center) immediately should I need to do so.

I understand that by meeting these requirements I am also eligible for an increase in award money (on top of original award amount), I understand that should I fail to meet the requirements outlined above I will forfeit the Chicana/o Scholarship.

Signature

Date

Submit all application materials and supporting documents to:

Feleti F. Matagi, Director of Undergraduate Diversity Scholarships
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84112
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