

IME-BECAS Scholarship for Higher Education

2017-2018 Application Form

The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Utah is pleased to announce a scholarship competition for graduate and undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Utah during the Spring Semester, 2018. The goal of the scholarship, funded jointly by the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME) and private donations, is to provide financial assistance for promising low-income students who speak a Latin American language at home and are interested in pursuing studies in the languages, history, cultures or societies of Latin American countries. **Undocumented students, with or without DACA, are encouraged to apply.**

Awards will range from \$1,000-\$3,000 with higher amounts awarded to students who enroll in Latin American language and/or Latin American area studies classes during the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 semesters.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible for the IME-BECAS Scholarship for Higher education an individual must:

1. Be a motivated student with a good academic record
2. Have financial need
3. Enroll full time during the semester the award is used
4. Maintain good academic standing during the semester award is used

Preference will be given to:

- Students whose family speaks a Latin American language at home (Spanish, Nahuatl, Quechua, etc.)
- Students who enroll in a Latin American language class (at any level, for example Spanish, Portuguese, Nahuatl, Quechua)
- Students who enroll in a class that has significant Latin American content
- Students who are first-generation college students
- Students who demonstrate a commitment to service that benefits the immigrant community

To apply, you must submit the following:

- ❖ A completed application form (available at <https://latin-american-studies.utah.edu/undergraduate/scholarships.php>)
- ❖ An essay (maximum 500 words) describing your academic goals (including the courses you plan to take while holding the scholarship), family background, significant obstacles you've faced in your education, and the reasons you believe you are qualified for the scholarship
- ❖ A copy of university transcript or DARS report

Application Deadline: November 17, 2017

Complete applications should be submitted to the Center for Latin American Studies (CTIHB 210) by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions or more information contact Professor Claudio Holzner at c.holzner@utah.edu

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Full Name _____

Gender (M/F) _____ Country of birth _____

Permanent Address _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Main Telephone Number for Contact _____

Contact Email: _____

U of U Student ID: _____

Education:

High School(s) Attended _____

Other Colleges or Universities Attended _____

Major(s) (Declared or Intended) _____

Academic Information:

Expected date of graduation: Semester _____ Year _____

Student Type (Choose one):

➤ Continuing Students

- **Standing:** ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior
- **Overall GPA:** _____
- **Total Credit Hours completed:** _____

➤ Transferring Students

School: _____

- **Standing:** ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior
- **Overall GPA:** _____
- **Total Credit Hours completed:** _____

➤ Graduate Student

_____ Master's Student _____ Ph.D. Student _____ Credits Completed

Department: _____ Overall GPA: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

If you feel you qualify for the scholarship based on financial need, please explain:

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List **ANY** other scholarships, tuition assistance, or financial aid you will receive during the Spring Semester, 2018

FAMILY BACKGROUND: PLEASE LIST ANY FAMILY OR RELATIVES BORN IN MEXICO

<i>Family Member/Relation</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>

LIST YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SERVICE OR LEADERSHIP ROLES WITH THE MEXICAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY:

<i>Organization/Activity</i>	<i>Position, Date</i>

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Are you a single parent? Yes _____ No _____

Race/Ethnicity _____ Country of Origin _____

Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the United States? Yes _____ No _____

Did you graduate from a Utah High School? Yes _____ No _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

On a separate piece of paper, please provide a one to two-page essay that explains the reasons you believe you are qualified for this scholarship, describes your academic goals (including the courses you plan to take while holding the scholarship), family background, significant obstacles you've faced in your education, and the reasons you believe you are qualified for the scholarship

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***This scholarship qualifies under SB 253, which means that any student that graduated from a Utah high school **IS NOT** required to provide proof of lawful U.S. presence for scholarships or tuition waivers. Therefore, Dreamers, with or without DACA, who graduated from a high school located in Utah may apply and be awarded this scholarship without providing verification of lawful presence in the United States. ***

I understand that the application will be disqualified if it is received after November 17, 2017, or is incomplete, inaccurate or unsigned. I certify that the information I provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. If I did not graduate from a Utah high school I certify under penalty of perjury that I am either a United States citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present in the United States.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Name: _____ **U of U ID (Unid):** _____