The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund
2015-2016 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,
- Eligible to receive federal financial aid, and
- A resident of the state of Utah (minimum of 5 years).

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.
The Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please complete and submit this application form and all other supporting documents (i.e., personal statement, official academic transcripts, and two letters of recommendation) no later than January 31, 2015 to ensure that you are fully considered for the scholarship.

**Applicant Information:**

Full 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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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, 2015. 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.

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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 scheduled Chicana/o Scholarship Fund events,

6. I will meet at least once a semester with Jason Castillo, Chicana/o Scholarship Fund Academic Advisor,

7. I will provide Jason Castillo 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 Jason Castillo with new contact information should my mailing address, phone number, email address, or other contact information change,

9. I will notify Jason Castillo of any problems or concerns affecting my performance in the classroom immediately, and

10. I will utilize available educational resources (i.e., tutoring, writing center) immediately should I need to do so.

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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