



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline: February 7, 2020

This scholarship was established to honor a great mentor and Hispanic labor leader and organizer. Its intent is to provide financial assistance to Hispanic students of Southwest Michigan who have demonstrated a record of academic success and civic responsibility. César E. Chávez was born on March 31, 1927, in Yuma, Arizona. César left school after the eighth grade to work in the fields full-time to support his family. He joined the US Navy in 1946 and served in the Western Pacific in the aftermath of World War II. He began as a community organizer in 1952 when he joined the Community Service Organization (CSO), a prominent Latino civil rights group. In 1962, César founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America. For more than three decades César led the first successful farm workers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions for hundreds of thousands of farm workers. A strong believer in the principles of nonviolence, César effectively employed peaceful tactics such as fasts, boycotts, strikes, and pilgrimages to achieve social justice. In 1994 he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in America.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must be a Southwest Michigan high school senior of Hispanic or Latino origin
- Must be enrolled or must plan to enroll full-time at an accredited college or university in the State of Michigan as an undergraduate student for the upcoming academic year
- **Must be able to use the scholarship on the upcoming academic year**
 - \$2,000 scholarship for students attending 4-year college
 - \$1,000 scholarship for students attending 2-year college
- Must have earned and maintained a high school cumulative Grade Point Average of no less than 3.00 on a 4.0 scale

FUTUROS LÍDERES SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline: February 7, 2020

The Southwest Michigan César E. Chávez Committee has established the Futuros Líderes Endowed Scholarship in order to support the University's diversity goals of recruitment and retention of students that meet the following criteria:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Incoming freshmen or current full-time student at Western Michigan University
- First generation college student
- Work experience in agricultural labor or the service sector is preferred
- Demonstrate financial need
- Priority will be given to students from the following Michigan counties: Allegan, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren
- Annual awards will be granted based on availability of funds to: a) at least one incoming first-year student, b) at least one current WMU student, c) if funds are available to others in the application pool
- Scholarship selection committee is comprised of three members of the Southwest Michigan Cesar Chavez Committee, and two members of the WMU Latino Employees Association. At least one committee member will be a WMU faculty member. Special consideration based on committee's decision

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Please use the check boxes below to ensure that you have included ALL of the required application materials prior to final submission. Late or incomplete applications may not be considered for this scholarship.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ---

Completed scholarship application form. (The application is also online at swmchavez.org).

An official transcript showing courses and grades from all schools attended in levels 9-11.

An essay- Describe why you merit consideration for this scholarship, including work experiences, school and extracurricular activities, hobbies, accomplishments, as well as any challenges or obstacles you have had to overcome. Include a brief description of family background and future goals and desires.

A complete Resume including academic, service and work experience.

Two letters of recommendation are required from teachers, counselors, employers, community leaders, a pastor or family friends. These letters should describe the experiences, traits, character, background, motivation and accomplishments that would make the applicant an appropriate choice.

Awardee must be able to attend the César E. Chávez Scholarship Dinner scheduled for the evening of Saturday, March 28, 2020. Must provide a photo (portrait) to include in the event program.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION ---

Complete application may be submitted via email (preferred) or mail. Applications must be received by February 7, 2020 in order to be considered. Email applications to one of these committee members:

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40840 West Red Arrow
Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-539-7709/ mike.ramirez627@gmail.com

Hardy Figueroa
1903 W. Michigan Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5403
269-387-8774 / hardy.figueroa@wmich.edu

Or mail to:

SWM Cesar E. Chavez Committee
c/o Cris Obreiter
809 N. Fletcher
Kalamazoo, MI 49006



Scholarship Application

I would like to be considered for the following scholarship(s):

César E. Chávez

Futuros Líderes

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____

High School Name _____

GPA _____

Graduation Year _____

Please list any extracurricular activities and leadership roles

Please list any other scholarships and awards

Anticipated College/University _____

Enrollment Status Half time

Full Time

Expected Start Date _____

Classification Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

*Are you of Hispanic or Latino/Latina origin? Yes

No

*Select one or more races from the following five racial groups:

American Indian or Alaska Native

White

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**optional and is not considered when determining eligibility for award*

I certify that the above information and any other statements and materials included with this application are true and accurate:

Applicant's signature

Date