



**Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME)/El Mezquite Scholarship
2016 - 2017 Scholarship Application**
(Please Type or Print Only)

(Applications must be received by the UNM College Enrichment Program (CEP) by **December 9, 2016** – (only complete applications will be accepted.)

NOTE TO APPLICANT: the legibility, accuracy, and completeness of application will be considered.

Name _____ UNM ID: _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Proposed field of study _____ GPA: _____ Place of Birth _____

Currently enrolled as (please circle one): HS: Senior College: FR SOPH JR SR GRAD (circle one)

Have you previously been awarded an IME/El Mezquite Scholarship? YES NO (circle one)

OBJECTIVE

The IME/El Mezquite Scholarship, a \$2000.00 scholarship, is designed to provide financial assistance to students graduating from a New Mexico high school with the intention of attending the University of New Mexico or currently enrolled as a University of New Mexico college student. The Selection Committee will base scholarships on educational achievement, leadership qualities, letter of recommendations, a written essay and a strong need for financial assistance. \$1,000 is awarded for Fall 2016 and \$1,000 is awarded for Spring 2017.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be a graduating High School Senior or a current UNM college student
- be enrolled at the University of New Mexico during the Fall and Spring semesters of the 2016-2017 academic year or a high school senior graduating in May 2017 and be admitted to UNM for the Fall 2017 semester
- have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- Proficiency in the Spanish language and demonstrated leadership and commitment to advance the culture and economy of Mexico through a chosen career
- Low-income students demonstrating financial need

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate leadership within the Hispanic community

ESSAY

A typed essay between 300 – 500 words, double-spaced, expressing your educational and career goals. Please also explain how you have demonstrated leadership in the Hispanic community, either in school, extracurricular activities, family and/or community. Please share with us your family history and what is your definition of leadership. Also, please share why the scholarship and community engagement are important to your education.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Please provide two (2) confidential letters of recommendation. Have each writer seal the letter in an envelope prior to returning it to you. Return them with your application.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT/TRANSCRIPT

Please submit an unofficial copy of your transcript. Graduating high school seniors must also attach an acceptance letter from the University of New Mexico as proof of enrollment.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY BACKGROUND

Please complete the following information as thoroughly as possible since the selection committee will consider the family financial situation as an important element in determining awards. We need to know how you will support yourself while at school and what unmet financial support you need to complete the school year.

1. Your status? Single _____ Married _____
2. If married, is your spouse employed? Yes _____ No _____
3. If applicable, how many children? _____
4. Will you work during the academic year? Yes _____ No _____
5. Will you live: On Campus _____ Off Campus _____
If Off Campus, will you live with your parents? Yes _____ No _____
6. Number of brother and sisters? _____
How many in colleges, including yourself? _____
7. Parents current marital status: Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____
Single _____ Widowed _____
8. Father’s annual income level: _____ Mother’s annual income level: _____

_____ Below \$10,000	_____ Below \$10,000
_____ \$10,000 - \$20,000	_____ \$10,000 - \$20,000
_____ \$21,000 - \$30,000	_____ \$21,000 - \$30,000
_____ \$31,000 - \$40,000	_____ \$31,000 - \$40,000
_____ \$41,000 - \$50,000	_____ \$41,000 - \$50,000
_____ Above \$50,000	_____ Above \$50,000

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Estimated College Expenses for 2016 - 2017**

Tuition & Fees	\$ _____
Books & Supplies	\$ _____
Room & Board	\$ _____
Local Transportation	\$ _____
Medical Expenses	\$ _____
Other Expenses (List)	_____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____

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Estimated Income to Cover Costs for 2016 – 2017**

Student’s Income	\$ _____
Spouse’s Contribution	\$ _____
Parental Support	\$ _____
Saving	\$ _____
Other Scholarships	\$ _____
Grants (Pell, SEOG, State)	\$ _____
Student Loans	\$ _____
Total Income	\$ _____

If you are relying on your parent’s income to cover college expenses, please submit a copy of your parent’s Income Tax Return. If you are relying on only your income, please submit your Income Tax Return.

PERSONAL DATA

List extracurricular activities, including any leadership positions held.

List civic and/or community involvement activities.

List honors and/or school or community awards.

Please attach additional sheets if needed

**INSTITUTE FOR MEXICAN ABROAD (IME)/EI MEZQUITE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
CHECKLIST
2016-2017**

Before mailing your application, review and check the following points to ensure complete understanding of the scholarship application, deadline and eligibility requirements.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that it is complete and all requested materials are enclosed. Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.

Applicants should submit the application packet in the following order. Check off as completed.

- ____ 1. Completed application form
- ____ 2. Essay (300 – 500 words)
- ____ 3. Unofficial transcript/proof of enrollment additionally for high school seniors
- ____ 4. Resume
- ____ 5. Two sealed letters of recommendation
- ____ 6. Completed copy of Individual and Family Background Form
- ____ 7. Application checklist with signed and dated certification

The College Enrichment Program must receive all applications, including those mailed, no later than 5:00pm on **December 9, 2016**. Applications received after December 9th, **WILL NOT** be considered.

All scholarship applicants will be notified regarding the Scholarship Committee's final decision. Scholarship Committee's decisions are final.

An award letter will be mailed to scholarship recipients. For high school seniors, proof of enrollment and registration is necessary to obtain award. Scholarship awards are applied to students UNM accounts. The applicant may not defer the scholarship for a later enrollment date.

CERTIFICATION: All of the enclosed information presented in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to the University of New Mexico to share this information for the purpose of public relations and/or possible future scholarship projects. I further certify that I am a graduating high school senior or a UNM student.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature
(for high school senior's only)

Date

SEND APPLICATION PACKET TO:

**The University of New Mexico
College Enrichment Program
(ATTN: Andrew Gonzalez)
MSC06 3840
Mesa Vista Hall, Room 3011
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131**