



# Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship 2016/2017



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**For Graduating H.S. Seniors or Continuing College Students**

**Application Deadline: Postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2016**

**\*Submit all required application materials.\*Complete files are required.\* Incomplete files will not be reviewed.**

The Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship Program has celebrated over a decade of awarding scholarships to students from the Southwest side of the city and beyond. The Scholarship Program offers an opportunity for students to receive \$1500 for their college expenses, but more than that, in addition PNCC strives to offer students an opportunity to exercise leadership skills, and learn relationship building and teamwork, by participating in the Fiesta Sol planning.

The University Round Table (URT) is comprised of representatives of institutions of post-secondary education and college-access advocates located in the Chicago metropolitan area and in Illinois. Its mission is to provide necessary resources for underrepresented students with a focus on successful recruitment, college access and affordability, retention, and college completion.

**The University Round Table encourages first time college students and OR undergraduates to apply for this 2016/17 school year scholarship regardless of their immigration status.**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the FDS scholarships, applicants must meet the following:

- ◆ Be of Latino/Hispanic descent
- ◆ Have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate, degree or certificate program for minimal of 6 semester hours or 8 quarter hours.
- ◆ A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4 point scale or its equivalence.

### **And, one of the following:**

- ◆ Live on the southwest side of Chicago within the following boundaries: Between 16th to 79th streets, and between Cicero Ave., (4800 West) and Canal (500 West)
- ◆ Be a volunteer in a Fiesta del Sol committee
- ◆ Sponsored by member institution of Gamaliel of Metro Chicago.

## **Application Process**

Applicants must submit all of the following items:

\_\_\_ **Completed application.**

\_\_\_ **Two letters of recommendation on a official letterhead,** from places where you have provided school or community service. One letter must be from a school official.

\_\_\_ **Official high school transcript (if applicable).** College students with 30 credits or more do not have to submit a high school transcript. **Transcripts MUST be OFFICIAL**

\_\_\_ **Official college/university transcripts.** Applicants with under 30 CREDITS must also request their high school transcript. **(Transcripts MUST BE OFFICIAL)**

\_\_\_ **A copy of the applicant's 2015 federal tax form.**

(Parents' tax form will also be required if student is under age 24). If 2015 taxes are not available please submit 2014 taxes. Applicant's 2015 federal tax form should be submitted no later than April 24, 2016.

\_\_\_ **Copy of the 2016/2017 award letter from your college's financial aid office.**

\_\_\_ **Resume.**

\_\_\_ **A personal statement,** typed 300-800words.

**See next section for topics.** Please make sure to have someone proofread.

**NOTE:** All candidates must sign the **Release Authorization** below. Final candidates will be interviewed by members of the University Round Table, and must submit verification of enrollment on the day of the interview.

## **Personal Statement**

*(Type or print your name, phone number, and e-mail address on all documents you submit (on the upper, right-hand corner of all pages).*

**Discuss all of the following in your personal statement:**

- **Your background and family**
- **Your personal and career goals**
- **Your chosen area(s) of study (major)**
- **Unpaid (volunteer) community or school service**
- **Leadership activities**
- **Honors, awards and scholarships received.**
- **Employment history**  
(if you are currently employed, discuss your work).
- **Explanation of unusual financial circumstances.**

## **Selection and Notification**

The University Round Table will review all application materials. Finalists will be selected and invited for interviews by June 2016, date to be determined.

Scholarship recipient will be notified by July 14th, 2016 and will be recognized at the Fiesta del Sol 's Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

Scholarship recipient must bring proof of all registration by August 15th.

***Recipients must be present at the Scholarship Reception on Thursday, July 21, 2016.***

## **Release Authorization**

**All applicants: Read and sign below.**

I certify that all information on this application and its attachments are true and accurate. I authorize release of photos and information to confirm facts I reported and to publicize this program. I understand that any inaccurate information may result in disqualification. I grant my high school, college, or university permission to verify financial need and enrollment to the University Round Table.

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Applications must be **delivered by 5:00pm Friday, March 25, 2016 or postmarked by this date.**

Mail application and other required credentials should be mailed to:

**University Round Table  
Gamaliel of Metro Chicago  
2026 S. Blue Island Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608**

For more information please visit our website [fiestadelsol.org](http://fiestadelsol.org)  
Should you have any questions please call Ana Padilla  
312-666-2663, ext:222.

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Follow directions carefully. \* Complete all information on this application. \* Type or print clearly.

\* Type or print name on all documents you submit (on the upper right hand corner of all pages).

## **Personal Information:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Phone Numbers: Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Other# \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Are you eligible for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship Status: U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Permanent Resident \_\_\_\_\_ DACA \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Schools You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and city of church or congregation of which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number of your pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Academic Information:**

**Applicants with less than 30 semester or 40 quarter college hours must complete this section.**

High school from which you graduated or will graduate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Grade Level: Select one**

\_\_\_\_\_ A high school senior applying for college      \_\_\_\_\_ An enrolled college freshman  
\_\_\_\_\_ An enrolled college sophomore                      \_\_\_\_\_ An enrolled college junior  
\_\_\_\_\_ An enrolled college senior                              \_\_\_\_\_ Working and planning to return to school

### **Planning to Attend: Select one**

Community college: \_\_\_\_\_ or Four-year college: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Select if enrolling full time or part time for each semester or trimester:**

Fall 2016: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Winter 2016/17: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Spring 2017: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

Institution where you are enrolled (or plan to attend) for the academic year 2016/17:

Name (do not abbreviate) \_\_\_\_\_

Campus you attend \_\_\_\_\_ City & state \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to this college? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours expected to have earned by the end of the 2016/17 Academic year: Quarter hrs: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester hrs: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Financial Data

Are you considered an independent or dependent student (see below for definition)? Independent \_\_\_\_ Dependent \_\_\_\_

Do you live with your parents? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Will your parents claim you on their 2015 taxes? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

How many members in your immediate family will be attending college in 2016/17: \_\_\_\_\_

College names that brothers/ sisters will be attending in 2016/17: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

**Explain any unusual financial circumstances that apply to the 2016/17 school year in your personal statement.**

## College Cost

Use 2016/17 ANNUAL costs: Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Room/board \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total annual expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does your college have a quarter, trimester or semester system? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours for which you will enroll in each of the following terms:

Fall '16 \_\_\_\_\_ Winter '16/17 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring '17 \_\_\_\_\_

**Refer to your (and your parents where applicable) 2015 tax information.**

### **A** SECTION A: INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

- ◆ Married students OR
- ◆ Students with children regardless of age  
OR
- ◆ Students 24 years of age and older  
OR
- ◆ Students who do not live with their parents and are financially self-sufficient.

1. Student's income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Spouse's income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total or Joint income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of dependents \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
6. Family size (including student) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Family income as reported on tax forms. Use Adjusted Gross Income on 2015 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040, Line 37; 1040A, Line 21; 1040EZ, Line 4 ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If 2015 taxes are not available please use 2014 taxes.

### **B** SECTION B: DEPENDENT STUDENTS

- ◆ Any student who lives with his/her parents (when not away at school).
- ◆ Students who get more than half of their financial support from parents.
- ◆ Students age 23 or younger.

1. Mother's income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father's income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
or Parent's Joint income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Student income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total (Parents and student) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of children in family (include student) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of dependents (including student) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Family income as reported on tax forms. Use Adjusted Gross Income on 2015 Federal Tax Returns (Form 1040, Line 37; 1040A, Line 21; Or 1040EZ, Line 4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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