

2015 Cien Amigos – IME Scholarship Fund

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The *Cien Amigos* civic group, the Mexican Cultural Center of Northern California, and the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento, with the support of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME), are pleased to announce the **Cien Amigos – IME Scholarship Fund** to encourage the educational success of Mexican-origin and Latino students in California.

The Cien Amigos–IME Scholarship Committee will accept applications for 2015 College Scholarships and High School Grants beginning **March 1, 2015**. Deadline for applications is **May 31, 2015**.

Terms and Eligibility Requirements

a) College Scholarships

The Cien Amigos–IME Scholarship Fund will award 150 one-time scholarships to individuals, in the amount of \$1,000 dollars each, for enrollment in Fall Semester 2015. In order to be eligible to apply for a College Scholarship you must:

- I. Be a **college undergraduate student**, or a **high school senior** with a college letter of acceptance.
- II. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.
- III. Comply with the residence requirement, within the Northern California eligible counties*, based on **one** of the following:
 - a. Applicant must live within eligible counties, or
 - b. Campus must be located within eligible counties, or
 - c. Applicant's parents must live within eligible counties.
- IV. Provide a copy of the following documents:
 - a. College or university transcript, **or** enrollment verification letter with a GPA stated (for undergraduate students); high school transcript (for HS seniors).
 - b. Document of acceptance to a higher education institution (for HS seniors).
 - c. Any document that proves compliance with the residence requirement, either III a, III b, or III c.
- V. Provide a 500-word-maximum essay. The essay should describe your personal situation, the reasons you are pursuing higher education, and the ways in which you plan to use your education for the benefit of your community.

AB 540 students are encouraged to apply.

* Eligible counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquín, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

b) High School Grants

The Cien Amigos–IME Scholarship Fund will award 100 one-time grants, in the amount of \$300 dollars each, for students enrolled **in the 11th grade** in a California high school. In order to be eligible to apply for a High School Grant you must:

- I. Be a **high school JUNIOR** student who requires financial support to submit college applications, buy SAT materials, pay College Board enrollments or take preparatory courses to enter college.
- II. Have a high school Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.
- III. Comply with the residence requirement, within the Northern California eligible counties*, based on **one** of the following:
 - a. Applicant must live within eligible counties, or
 - b. Campus must be located within eligible counties, or
 - c. Applicant's parents must live within eligible counties.
- IV. Provide a copy of your school transcript **or** an enrollment verification letter. This document must have your GPA stated as well as the address of the school, to prove compliance with the minimum GPA needed and the residence requirement.
- V. Provide a 350-word-maximum essay, describing your personal situation --family, community or school-- and how it relates to your educational plans for the future

Application Instructions

- I. Applications for the scholarships will be **online only**, at the following address: <http://cienamigos-imebecas.org>
- II. Applications will be open on **March 1, 2015**.
- III. The application deadline will be **May 31, 2015, at 11:59 pm**.
- IV. All supporting documents are to be **scanned** by each applicant **and uploaded at the application website**, in a PDF or JPEG format.
- V. All incomplete applications will be discarded (make sure you upload every document needed --proof of enrollment, proof of residence, essay--).

For more information, please visit <http://cienamigos-imebecas.org>

Recipients of the College Scholarships and High School Grants **will be announced on June 30, 2015**, at: <http://cienamigos-imebecas.org>. They will also be notified in writing by the Cien Amigos–IME Scholarship Committee.

Note: Application to this scholarship program does not guarantee the award of a scholarship. Applicants will be screened according to eligibility and availability of funds. The Cien Amigos–IME Scholarship Committee reserves the right to amend the amount of the scholarship award or the number of scholarships to be awarded.

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