



2023 CIELO Fund Scholars Program for Latino Empowerment

The Cultivating Inland Empire Latino Opportunity, or [CIELO Fund](#), was launched in 2022 at the Inland Empire Community Foundation with a mission of uplifting and investing in the region’s Latino community. Earlier this year, the [CIELO Fund awarded grants](#) to Latino led and Latino serving organizations throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The CIELO Fund Leadership and Grantmaking Committee is proud to invest in the next generation of local leaders with the launch of the inaugural CIELO Fund Scholars Program to invest in Latino students attending Inland Empire colleges and universities, especially those intending to remain and work in the region upon completing their studies.

Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

The CIELO Fund Scholars Program aims to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to graduating high school students and current college students who are Latino. This scholarship looks to support civic-minded students who want to give back to the region and who demonstrate motivation, perseverance and a sincere desire to put their education to work for the benefit of the Inland Empire and underserved communities. Recipients may receive a one-time scholarship award of \$1,000 to \$2,000 to an accredited four-year public, two year community college or private institution of higher learning within the Inland Empire. Priority will be given to those students who intend to work in the region upon graduation. The scholarship awards are outright grant awards. No services will be required as a consequence of receiving the award. Scholarship awards are for tuition, books, education fees, and/or living expenses. All students are welcome to apply, regardless of immigration status.

Scholarship Criteria and Procedures

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- Financial need
- GPA of 3.0 or above
- High school senior
- Full time college/graduate student in Fall 2023
- AB540 and Dreamers are welcome to apply
- Letter of Recommendation
- Community Service
- Attend a college within the Inland Empire
- Intent to working in the region upon graduation of college/university

How are scholarship recipients selected?

Scholarship recipients are selected by a scholarship committee composed of educators and community members. Applications are reviewed competitively.

How to apply for the scholarship and submission instructions:

Eligible students **must complete: 1) the attached application form; 2) A letter of recommendation (from counselor and/or others not related to the applicant) that is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, skills, community service and volunteerism activities; 3) an essay; 4) transcript (unofficial is acceptable); and 5) student aid report (SAR).** Final award recipients must provide evidence of enrollment in the academic institution to which funds will be paid on behalf of the recipient.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2023
Submit Completed Application To: Denisha Shackelford
Inland Empire Community Foundation
3700 Sixth Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501
Or dshackelford@iegives.org

For more information, contact Denisha Shackelford, Scholarship Manager at dshackelford@iegives.org



The CIELO Fund Scholarship Application
Application Deadline: April 30, 2023

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: Last First Middle

Address: Number Street Apt. City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number: E-mail Address:

Birthdate: Male Female Cell Phone Number:

Ethnic Background:

II. FAMILY INFORMATION:

Name of Parent or Guardian:

Address: Number Street City State Zip Code

Occupation: Telephone Number:

III. ACADEMIC INFORMATION: A transcript must be attached to this application

Name of High School or College:

Cumulative GPA (weighted):

IV. MAJOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years (e.g. Student government, Clubs (legitimate ones recognized on campus), Performing Arts, Sports, etc.)

Table with 6 columns: 1. Activity, Years of Participation, Special Awards, Honors, 1. Activity, Years of Participation, Special Awards, Honors. It contains 5 empty rows for data entry.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List all community activities in which you have participated in without pay during the past 4 years (e.g. Scouts, Church involvement, Volunteer work, etc.)

| 2. | Activity | Years of Participation | Special Awards, Honors | 2. Activity | Years of Participation | Special Awards, Honors |
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VI. FINANCIAL NEED:

Please describe any financial needs, unusual family and/or personal circumstances.

Did you apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA)? Yes_____ No_____

If so, what is your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) as determined by FAFSA? _____

(Please provide a copy of the page from the Student Air Report/SAR that indicates your EFC)

VII. INLAND EMPIRE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES I HAVE APPLIED TO OR CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VIII. ESSAY:

Write an essay (max. 500 words) discussing how you plan to use your education to uplift marginalized communities in the Inland Empire. Include your educational and career goals.

IX. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Please attach a letter of recommendation from people, other than your family members, who are knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, skills, community service and leadership activities.

X. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application will be shared with appropriate Review/ Approval Committees. If I am awarded a scholarship, information about me may be released for publicity purposes.

Printed Name: _____

3. **Signature:** _____ **Date** _____