

# **BECAS UNETE IME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



**2015**



Unete, Center for Farm Worker Advocacy is dedicated to providing educational and leadership opportunities to the local Latino community. We are pleased to announce our first annual Becas Unete IME Scholarship 2015 in collaboration with the Institute for Mexicans Living Abroad, a program of the Secretary of Foreign Relations located in Portland Oregon. Part of the mission of the Institute of Mexicans Living Abroad is to support Mexican students seeking higher education opportunities. Through a competitive process Unete was awarded funds to distribute locally.

Scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts up to \$1,000.

This scholarship is open to all students of Mexican descent entering or currently enrolled in a college or university program or other professional or technical training program. Proof of Mexican heritage is required.

Applicants must currently reside in southern Oregon.

There are no minimum requirements for SAT/ACT tests.

There is no minimum GPA requirement for current high school students; however upon being awarded a BECAS Unete IME Scholarship the student must maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA.

Continuing college/university or technical program students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Scholarship application deadline is April 18, 2015. Finalists will be notified via email. If selected as a finalist, you will be interviewed by the Award Committee for further consideration.

**\*Scholarship recipients are required to attend an Awards Ceremony.\***

**For additional information or questions please contact Unete at  
UneteOregon@gmail.com**



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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you of Mexican Descent?  Yes  No

**NOTE:** Proof of Mexican descent is required with this application. Proof of Mexican descent includes a copy of a current Mexican passport, (self or parent) Matricula Consular Mexicana, (self or parent), Credencial de Elector Mexicano (self or parent), birth certificate (self or parent) or other document that indicates Mexican nationality. For additional acceptable documents, please contact UneteOregon@gmail.com

**Please send copies only. No originals. Once heritage is established the copy will be destroyed.**

(For office use only: \_\_\_\_\_ Date established \_\_\_\_\_ Document Destroyed )

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Intended major or course of studies \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

College or Technical training program where you are currently enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

College or accredited technical training program you plan to attend in the 2015-2016 academic year:

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Other Colleges or training programs previously attended and years attended:

\_\_\_\_\_

Degrees received: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application I certify that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of my ability. I further agree that if I am awarded Becas Unete IME scholarship that I will fulfill all of the requirements set forth by the scholarship committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



## **PART II LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND ESSAYS**

**As part of the scholarship process, the scholarship committee would like to know more about you and why you are pursuing higher education.**

**Please answer the following questions.**

**All responses must be submitted on white paper, single sided, using 12pt font, double spaced. No hand written essays will be accepted without prior authorization. Please indicate the question number before responding.**

**It is preferred that you answer these questions in English, however, if you feel more comfortable expressing yourself in Spanish please feel free to answer questions 3-5 in Spanish. Questions 1 and 2 must be in English.**

**Question 1.** (Word limit of 400 words) At Unete we strongly believe in personal responsibility in all facets of our lives. This means different things for each of us. Whether it is through our actions as a member of the community, our commitment to serving others or focusing on personal growth, it requires the ability to prioritize and make good choices in our daily lives. Can you please tell us what personal responsibility means to you? Please give specific examples.

**Question 2.** (Word limit of 400 words) Going to college exposes us to a variety of new people who may think and act differently than ourselves. It can open new doors and offer us many opportunities that may otherwise not have been accessible to us. Our own culture helps define how we respond to new situations and how we adapt ourselves to them. What elements of your culture do you believe will help you succeed in your college or training program and why? How will you use these elements to your benefit and to the benefit of others?

**Question 3.** (Word limit 300 words) Attending college requires a great amount of independence. Many of the traditional supports you receive at home or school may no longer be available. This can be challenging for students new to the college experience. Please describe your personal support systems and what is your game plan for acquiring additional supports while at school? Have you explored support services at the college or training program that you have selected? What types of additional support services do you feel you may need to access?

**Question 4** (word limit of 300 words) What are your educational goals and career choice? Why did you choose this field of study and what do you plan to do after you receive your degree/certification?

**Question 5.** (word limit of 300 words) A big part of college is managing your time and money. College is expensive, but also a worthwhile investment. Knowing how to effectively manage money will make your college experience much more pleasurable. If you do not receive enough scholarship money or grants to cover all of your costs, what are your backup plans? To what level is your family able to assist you in paying for college? Please include a list of any scholarships that you have already received. Also how many scholarships have you applied for?

**Special Circumstances:** (Word limit of 300) Please list any special circumstances that the committee should consider while reviewing your application. This may include any special accommodations you may need at school, personal or family issues that have affected you personally or extreme personal challenges that you have overcome.



## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation need to clearly indicate your name, how long the person has known you and in what capacity. (See attached form) These letters need to be received before 5:00pm on April 18, 2015 or postmarked on or before that date. Please give persons offering letters of recommendation at least two weeks' notice before the submission deadline.

One each from:

- a community member (such as a mentor, clergy, employer, community organization),
- Teacher
- Family member. (If your family member prefers to express themselves in Spanish, please encourage them to do so. See Spanish form)



## BECAS UNETE IME LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Letter of Recommendation deadline is April 18, 2015. Letters must be postmarked on or before this date or be delivered in person before 5:00pm on April 18, 2015 Recommendations must be received in sealed envelopes from recommender.

Please return to: Unete  
27 N Ivy St  
Medford, OR 97501

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ School or organization/Family \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have known applicant \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1-4 with 4 being most desirable and 1 being least desirable please indicate where you would place the applicant in terms of:

Personal trait	4	3	2	1	Unable to rate
Academic potential					
Initiative					
Maturity					
Realistic about goals					
Personal commitment to education					

Please include any other information that you would like to share about this applicant. If possible give specific examples of why this applicant should be awarded a Becas Unete IME scholarship. Please use back of this form or attach an additional page if desired.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person making recommendation Date

Contact information Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



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## BECAS UNETE IME CARTA DE RECOMENDACIÓN

La fecha límite para entregar la carta de recomendación es el día 18 de abril de 2015. Los sobres necesitarán ser sellados por el correo en o antes de esa día o puede entregar la carta en persona antes de las 5:00pm el día 18 de abril, 2015. Las cartas de recomendación necesitan ser entregados en sobres cerrados por el recomendante.

Favor de regresar la carta a  
Unete  
27 N Ivy St  
Medford, OR 97501

Nombre de solicitante \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de recomendante \_\_\_\_\_

Título \_\_\_\_\_ Escuela o organización/Familiar \_\_\_\_\_

Número de años que conoce al solicitante \_\_\_\_\_

Basado en un escala de 1-4 con 4 siendo lo más deseado y 1 siendo lo menos deseado, dónde ubicará el solicitante en términos de:

Características personales	4	3	2	1	No puedo calificar
Potencial Académico					
Iniciativa					
Madurez					
Realístico acerca de sus metas					
Compromiso personal a la educación					

Favor de incluir cualquier otra información acerca del solicitante que le gustaría compartir. Si es posible de ejemplos de por qué este solicitante debe ser otorgado una beca Unete IME. Favor de usar el dorso de este formato o anexar una página adicional si desea.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firma de la persona haciendo la recomendación \_\_\_\_\_  
Fecha

Correo Electrónico \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ Edo \_\_\_\_\_ Código Postal \_\_\_\_\_



# BECAS UNETE IME ACTIVITY CHART

Please list all activities including school, community service, activities,( ie. sports, clubs, faith activities, music, dance, theater), paid employment, volunteer service etc.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates From – To Total hours</b>	<b>Accomplishments/Duties</b>



## **BECAS UNETE IME AWARDS/ HONORS**

**Please list all awards and honors received. Include any scholarships that have already been awarded and the amounts.**

<b>Award/Honor</b>	<b>Date Awarded</b>	<b>Awarding organization</b>



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

**Please submit one copy in the following order to**

**Unete  
27 N Ivy St  
Medford, OR 97501**

**All completed applications must be received or postmarked by April 18, 2015. Applications delivered in person must be received by 5:00pm on April 18, 2015. No exceptions. Electronic submission is acceptable with prior authorization. Late applications will not be considered.**

Please do not staple or fold applications...use paperclips if necessary. Please include your name at the top of each page of essay questions. Official transcripts should be in sealed envelopes. Letters of recommendation should also be sealed envelopes. DO not include any additional forms or pictures, etc.

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Proof of Mexican descent
- Current official transcript from high school or college/training program attended
- Activity and Community Service Information (Please use attached table)
- Awards and Honors Chart (Please use attached table)
- Essay questions 1 through 5
- Special Circumstances
- Three letters of recommendation---one each from a community member, teacher and family. (Use attached form). Letters (original ) must be received by the April 18th deadline or postmarked before that date. If hand delivered or electronic submission, must be received by 5:00pm on April 18th. No exceptions.

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[UneteOregon@gmail.com](mailto:UneteOregon@gmail.com).**