

**Guadalupe A. Reyes
Fiesta del Sol Scholarship
2019/2020**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED TO
PNCC BY 5 P.M. April 12, 2019**

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Background

PNCC strives to offer students an opportunity to exercise leadership skills, learn relationship building, and teamwork by participating in the Fiesta del Sol planning.

The Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship Program has awarded scholarships for over two decades to students from the Southwest side of Chicago.

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

The URT encourages first time college students and undergraduates to apply for this 2019/20 school year scholarship regardless of their immigration status.

Eligibility

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

- ▣ Be of Latino/Hispanic descent
- ▣ Be currently enrolled or have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate degree or certificate program for a minimum of 6 semester hours or 8 quarter hours.
- ▣ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4-point scale or its equivalent.

And one of the following:

- ▣ Live on the southwest side of Chicago within the following boundaries: Between 16th and 79th streets, and between Cicero Ave. (4800 West) and Canal (500 West)

or

- ▣ Be a volunteer in a Fiesta del Sol committee

or

- ▣ Be sponsored by member institution of Gamaliel of Metro Chicago

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Part One (An online Google Form) includes:

- Your contact information
- Your current school
- The school you are planning to enroll for the 2019-2020 academic year
- Admissions status to the school you'll be attending
- Completed quarter or semester hours anticipated during the scholarship period
- Anticipated institutional expenses during the scholarship period (Tuition, institutional fees, labs, medical insurance and books. The scholarship does not cover housing expenses.)

Part Two (hard copy must be mailed or dropped off before the April 12, 2019 deadline) includes:

- Two letters of recommendation from individuals you have worked with in your school or community service. One letter must be from a school official. Both letters must be on official letterhead. Any additional letters of recommendation will not be reviewed.
- Official school transcript
 - High school students must submit most recent transcripts.
 - College students submit college/university transcripts. College applicants with fewer than 30 credits must also submit their high school transcripts.
- A personal statement, typed 500-750 words.
 - See next section for instructions and topics.
- Updated resume that includes:
 - Work experience, if applicable
 - Service learning/community service
 - Extracurricular activities

Applications that do not include all of the above will not be considered for review by the selection committee. Applications must be delivered by 5p.m. April 12th, 2019 or postmarked on this date. Mailing applications and other requirements to:

URT Scholarship Committee
Pilsen Neighbors Community Council
2026 S Blue Island Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608

Personal Statement

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- Tell us about your background, family, personal
- What is your chosen area of study? What are your personal and career goals?
- Tell us about your unpaid (volunteer) community or school service or your involvement in extracurricular activities?
- How have you demonstrated your leadership skills in your volunteer work or in your extracurricular activities?
- Tell us about challenges you and your family may experience to pay for college endeavors?

PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE ABOUT THE FIVE TOPICS IN THE ORDER PRESENTED ABOVE. THIS IS TO HELP YOU CREATE A SOLID, COHESIVE ESSAY.

Important information about Selection and Notification

First the University Round Table will review all application materials and will select students for the interviews round. The interviews will take place by June 2019, dates to be determined. Candidates will be interviewed by members of the University Round Table, and must submit verification of enrollment on the day of the interview. Finalists will be asked to submit supplement documentation. Awardees will be notified by July 12, 2019 and will be recognized at the Fiesta del Sol's Awards Ceremony on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Supplement Documentation for Finalists

- Copy of the 2019/2020 award letter from your college's financial aid office.

Number of awards and award amount

The amount awarded for each scholarship is \$1500 for their college expenses. The number of awards may vary from year to year and depends on the number of scholarship sponsors.

Scholarship Disbursement

The scholarship checks are made to the university but must be picked up by the students. Students will be asked to submit a school schedule.

Additional Opportunities

If you are selected as a Fiesta del Sol Scholarship recipient, you will also be invited to participate in the summer prep/mentorship program of the University Round Table.