

2014 *Cien Amigos* – *IME Becas* 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 Becas* Scholarship Fund to encourage the educational success of Mexican origin and Latino students in California.

The *Cien Amigos–IME Becas* Scholarship Committee will accept applications for 2014 College Scholarships and High School Grants beginning April 1, 2014. Deadline for applications is May 30, 2014.

Terms and Eligibility Requirements

a) College Scholarships

The *Cien Amigos–IME Becas* Scholarship Fund will award 50 one-time scholarships to individuals, in the amount of \$1,000 dollars each, for enrollment in Fall Semester 2014. 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 the following documents:
 - a. College or university transcript, or enrollment verification letter with a GPA stated (for undergraduate students).
 - b. Document of acceptance to a higher education institution (for high school seniors).
- 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.

b) High School Grants

The *Cien Amigos–IME Becas* Scholarship Fund will award up to 166 one-time grants, in the amount of \$300 dollars each, for students enrolled 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. Provide proof of enrollment to a junior year of high school within the Northern California eligible counties*. Acceptable documents are:
 - a. Enrollment verification letter with GPA stated.
 - b. High school transcript.
- III. Have a high school Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.
- I. Provide a 350-word-maximum essay, describing your personal situation —your family, community or school— and how it relates to your educational plans for the future.

Application Instructions

- II. Applications for the scholarships will be **online only**, at the following address:
<http://cienamigos-imebecas.org>
- III. Applications will be open on **April 1, 2014**.
- IV. The application deadline will be **May 30, 2014, at 6:00 pm**.
- V. All supporting documents are to be scanned by each applicant and uploaded at the application website, in a PDF or JPEG format.
- VI. 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, 2014, at: <http://cienamigos-imebecas.org>. They will also be notified in writing by the *Cien Amigos–IME Becas* Scholarship Committee.

Disclaimer

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