



El Cinco de Mayo Inc. P.O. Box 17373

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**Robert L. "Bob" Armendariz Scholarship*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Illegible or incomplete information will disqualify your application.

Requirements to qualify for the Robert L. "Bob" Armendariz Scholarship

1. **Must** fall within the definition of "underserved" (someone who does not have the financial resources and/or has inadequate support, guidance, assistance and/or would be the first in their family to attend/graduate from college; and/or who is facing adversity in life due to their socio-economic situation).
2. **Must** Plan to (or currently) attend a higher education institution within the **State of Colorado**
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better (or explanation if lower)
4. Be a **full-time** Undergraduate or Graduate Student
5. *If selected as a finalist*, must be available to participate in a personal interview, (date to be announced)
6. *If selected as a recipient*, must provide a headshot photo for journal, website, and advertising
7. *If selected as a recipient*, must provide update on academic year's progress
8. *If selected as a recipient*, must volunteer with El Cinco de Mayo Inc for a minimum of 10 hours for the academic year they are selected.
9. *If selected as a recipient*, must attend 2 MANDATORY Recognition events (May 2 and May 31,26).

Completed application will be accepted until March 1, 2026 11:59 p.m.

Completed scholarship application will include:

1. Scholarship Application
2. Personal essay that includes (max. 1 pg., 12 pt., single spaced):
 - Statement/background about your story, cultural background, and how your culture helped mold you and your future goals that you have set (include future goals).
 - How can this scholarship help you?
 - Indicate what "honor and commitment" mean to you.
 - Feel free to share anything else that may help our board make a decision when reviewing your application.
3. Current resume that includes: school activities, awards, community service, sports activities, and employment.
4. Two (2) current letters of recommendation (must be different from previously submitted, if applicable)
5. Official transcripts sent to elcincocos@gmail.com (order asap-may take up to two weeks) Must be timestamped no later than midnight on, **March 1, 2026. Plan ahead!**

*****Scan the complete application packet w/ headshot and transcripts all together and save it**

with last name-first name and all required documents to elcincocos@gmail.com.

_____ I have checked off and ensured that all documents are added to my application.

_____ My current transcripts are being sent with my app. to elcincocos@gmail.com or separately.



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2026-2027 Scholarship Application Check-Off List

Please use the list below to check off items as you have completed them for your application packet.

1. Transcript-*Official* Sealed (**included in application packet or institution may email to elcincocos@gmail.com**)

2. Completed application and transcripts

3. Personal essay (requirements under instructions)

4. One-page current resume

5. Two current letters of recommendation

Please send all documents in one scan.

6. Headshot

Incomplete information will disqualify your application.

Reminders:

Applicants agree to fill out a survey provided by El Cinco de Mayo, Inc., scholarship committee, at the end of the 2026-2027 academic year to update the Committee on progress made by students.

Applicant agrees to provide photo (**headshot only**) for journal and website, if selected. _____ initials

Applicants agree to volunteer with El Cinco de Mayo Inc., for a minimum of 10 hours for the academic year they are selected as recipient-consider joining the planning committee and sharing information with other students. _____ initials

Applicant agrees to be recognized publicly through print or media, by El Cinco de Mayo, Inc., as a scholarship recipient. _____ initials

Applicant agrees to attend 2 **MANDATORY** Annual Cinco de Mayo recognition events (May 2, 2026 and May 31, 2025) dates subject to change. Details to be announced. This is where you can help plan for the events, or serve your community volunteer hours. _____ initials

Applicant agrees to notify El Cinco de Mayo, Inc., immediately following **any changes** to recipient's **full-time** student status as indicated on student's application. Failure to do so could result in repayment of scholarship to El Cinco de Mayo, Inc _____ initials



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PERSONAL

Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

College/University _____

Student I.D. # (if applicable) _____

Home/Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Parents/Spouse email: _____

Street City State Zip: _____

Gender: Male Female Non-Binary

Pronouns: He/his she/her they/them

Race: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

El Paso County Resident: Yes _____ No _____

EDUCATION

Current Cumulative GPA: _____ Major: _____

Attending School: Full Time _____ Part Time _____

College Status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Estimated Graduation year: _____

Name of Institution you are (or will be) attending: _____

Address: _____, City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

High School Graduated from, or GED _____

Dates Attended-Name-Graduation Date (City/State) _____



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Current Employer:

Name: _____	Number: _____	Address: _____
Supervisor: _____	Email: _____	

OTHER Important Information: Scholarships are awarded by check made out to the institution with the student’s name in the memo portion. Checks cannot be deposited into a student's personal account and must be taken to and deposited immediately by the College/University. Students cannot cash this check.

Have you received a Robert L. “Bob” Armendariz Scholarship in the past?

(Not a factor for receiving one this year – informational only)

Yes ___ No ___ If Yes –year(s) awarded: _____

Do you agree to be recognized publicly through print or media, by El Cinco de Mayo, Inc., as a scholarship recipient?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree to attend and be recognized at 2 mandatory annual Recognition events (May 2 and May 31, 2026 Tentatively). Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree to submit a photo (headshot only), with your application bundle if selected?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree to volunteer with El Cinco de Mayo Inc for a minimum of 10 hours for the academic year you are selected as a recipient? Possibly be part of the planning committee, serve in an area that you are studying, or help with tech., social media, and promotion of tickets sales and events?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree to provide an update on academic progress at the end of the 2026-2027 academic year?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree to notify El Cinco de Mayo, Inc., **immediately** if any changes occur to your full-time student status?

Yes _____ No _____

Failure to comply with these requirements could result in forfeiture of your scholarship, disqualify you from further consideration of scholarship awards and/or repayment of scholarship award to El Cinco de Mayo, Inc.

If selected as a recipient, further contact information on your parent(s) or spouse may be requested if the recipient would like to invite them to the events (optional).

By signing below, I agree to these terms.

Student printed name: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date:** _____