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**Requirements to qualify for El Cinco de Mayo, Inc. Scholarship  
Scholarship Application 2026-2027  
Due by April 30th, 2026**

- Must be a Resident of El Paso County in Colorado with proof of residency
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better or a reason why it is lower.
- Be an Undergraduate or Graduate Student attending full-time
- 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).
- OR Face specific barriers faced (socioeconomic, racial, or identity-based) and highlight resilience, academic goals, and commitment to community impact. It should move beyond simply listing hardships to explaining how these experiences shaped your perspective and motivation for higher education, effectively connecting your background to your future success.
- *If selected as a finalist, you must be available to participate in a personal interview (date to be announced).*
- *If selected as a recipient, you must provide a headshot photo for the journal and website as needed. If selected as a recipient, you must provide an update on the academic year’s progress (at the end of the year).*
- *If selected as a recipient, they must volunteer with El Cinco de Mayo Inc. for a minimum of 10 hours for the academic year they are selected.*
- *If selected as a recipient, you must attend 2 MANDATORY recognition events.*

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

1. Transcripts (included in application packet or institution may be emailed to [elcincoscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:elcincoscholarships@gmail.com)) or included in your completed application package.
1. Completed application and signed
2. Personal essay (requirements under instructions)
3. One-page current resume
4. Two current letters of recommendation not used during past applications.
5. Headshot 1x1 jpeg

***Incomplete information will disqualify your application. Send all Docs in the same email.  
Required:***

**Scan completed pack to:** [elcincoscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:elcincoscholarships@gmail.com) AND Follow these for updates.

\*For updates and opportunities visit the new website: [www.Cincoscholars.org](http://www.Cincoscholars.org)

\*FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586491840150>

Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/elcincocos/>

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El Cinco de Mayo, Inc. Scholarship Application

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Applications due by or before April 30.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Residency to El Paso County, CO.(proof will be required) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

El Paso County Resident: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Current education level: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Income (this is not used to make determination of approval or not):

\_\_\_\_\_ Below \$40,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40,001-\$55,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$55,001-\$70,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Above \$70,001

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 by the college/university.*

Have you received an El Cinco de Mayo scholarship in the past?  
(Not a factor for receiving one this year—informational only)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes year(s) awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ How has this helped you if  
yes:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to be recognized publicly through print or media by El Cinco de Mayo Inc., as  
scholarship recipient? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to attend and be recognized at 2 mandatory annual recognition events

(May 30, June 7, and July 28 2026). 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? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to provide an update on academic progress at the end of

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the 2026-2027 academic year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to notify El Cinco de Mayo, Inc., immediately if any changes occur if you

full-time student status? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If not, you are to report it asap. This invalidates your scholarship and it will have to be paid back.

Failure to comply with the requirements listed above will *result* in forfeiture of your scholarship and/or payment of the scholarship back to El Cinco de Mayo, Inc.

**By signing below, you agree to these terms (Please read over the whole application and ensure you can make the requirements.) If you have a different situation, or need support filling out the application. We can help you with a non-biased party to help clarify.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution you are (or will be) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Bursar's Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Instructions from this organization and how they accept payments:

- Written check
- Through direct deposit
- Via Platform: \_\_\_\_\_ name of platform \_\_\_\_\_

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For assistance with application please call:

719-459-7760

OR EMAIL: [elcincoscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:elcincoscholarships@gmail.com)

Best of luck! We are so excited to support you!

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