



Hermanas Unidas de UCLA

University of California, Los Angeles



“Poder de la Mujer” Scholarship

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History

In the Fall Quarter of 2000, three inspiring young women were joined together by one common goal: to establish a Chicana/Latina based organization at the University of California, Los Angeles. They recognized the limited amount of support resources for Chicana/Latina women on campus and set out to fill this void. Hermanas Unidas was created to combine academic, community service and social events to unite and support Chicanas/Latinas along their pursuit of a degree in higher education, while emphasizing Hermandad. These visionary women set the foundation for what has evolved into a recognized and respected organization across nine university campuses statewide.

Mission

Hermanas Unidas (HaU) aims to provide a familial network for Chicanas/Latinas through participation in academic, community service, and social events. We emphasize the importance of Hermandad and support for each other in our individual quests to success.

Pillars

Academic: Through our emphasis on Academics, we empower our minds and futures.

Community Service: In the struggle to empower ourselves, we must remember our communities and empower them as well.

Social: In the spirit of Hermandad, a family network is created to foster an environment of mutual respect and unity, while supporting individual interests and talents.

Motto

Poder de la Mujer is HaU's motto. In the face of adversity, trials and tribulations we will exemplify our strengths as Chicana/Latina women and succeed. We exemplify Poder de la Mujer by overcoming the struggles that come with being women and Chicanas/Latinas in higher education.

Purpose of Scholarship

The purpose of the Hermanas Unidas Scholarship is to assist Chicana/Latina and other minority women in their academic endeavors. We are offering scholarships to incoming freshman and transfer students. We are aware of the difficult yet invaluable experience of making the transition into the university, thus we offer unconditional support.

Hermanas Unidas de UCLA "Poder de la Mujer" Scholarship

Please type or print. (Verification of all information may be requested.)

Eligibility:

- Minority Female
- Acceptance to UCLA and attendance as a fulltime student in the Fall Quarter of the 2008-2009 Academic Year (Scholarship will not be awarded until you can show proof of enrollment)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Above address good until (please specify date): _____

Permanent Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Telephone _____ Cellular Phone _____

Email address (primary) _____

Email address (alternate) _____

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____
City State or Country Month/Day/Year

Age _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____
Name

Telephone _____

Racial/Ethnic Survey (check all that apply)

- White/ Caucasian
- African American or Black
- Chinese/Chinese American
- Japanese/Japanese American
- Korean/Korean American
- Filipino/Filipino American
- East Indian/Pakistani
- Vietnamese/Vietnamese American
- Other Asian (please specify) _____
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Pacific Islander
- Latino/LatinAmerica
- Mexican
- Chicana/o
- MexicanAmerican
- Puerto Rican
- Other Hispanic
- Other (please specify)_____
- Optional

Language(s) spoken other than English, if any: _____

Are you a first generation college student: Yes No

Family Information:

What is the highest level of education attained by each of your parents? Please check only one box per parent.

Father:

- Doctoral (i.e. Ph.D., J.D., M.D.)
- Some College (more than 2 years)
- Some College (less than 2 years)
- Master's Degree
- High School
- (Grad/GED)
- Bachelor's Degree
- Elementary/Jr. High
- (Grade level_____)

In what country did he obtain his education? _____

Name of College(s) (if applicable): _____

Mother:

- Doctoral (i.e. Ph.D., J.D., M.D.)
- Some College (more than 2 years)
- Some College (less than 2 years)
- Master's Degree
- High School
- (Grad/GED)
- Bachelor's Degree
- Elementary/Jr. High
- (Grade level_____)

In what country did she obtain her education? _____

Name of College(s) (If applicable) _____

What is/was your parents' primary occupation?

Father: _____

Mother: _____

How much, if any, of your childhood was spent in a single parent home?

None 1 - 5years 6 -10 years 11 years or more

If your father or mother is deceased, please indicate which one and how old you were when he/she passed Away

Are/were your parents divorced or permanently separated? _____

What was the approximate total income of all the persons living in your parents' household during 2007? If your parents are separated/divorced, provide information for the household where you lived most of the time before college, including any support provided by the other parent.

If your parent(s) is/are deceased, please provide information corresponding to your income status.

Please provide the total number of individuals in you household (including yourself):

Minors: _____ Adults: _____ Total: _____

Please provide the total number of individuals who will be attending college during the school year 2008-2009 (including yourself): _____

Academic Information:

Applicant’s High School/Junior College of attendance: _____

If applicable, please describe any circumstances that negatively affected the extent to which your academic record reflects your ability to succeed: (if additional space is needed please attach a separate sheet)

Your score(s) on the SAT I: _____ Your ACT score: _____

Your scores on the SAT II: Writing: _____ Mathematics: _____

Specify additional subject: _____ Score: _____

How did you prepare for the SAT I: _____

Number of Advance Placement and/or honors classes taken in high school. (For high school students include any current AP/Honor classes): _____

*****Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript or equivalent documentation*****

Employment:

Please list significant employment, including dates and number of hours worked per week.

Name of Employer	Date Begin Month/Year	Date End Month/Year	Hours Per Week	Position

Public/Community Service, Volunteer and/or Extracurricular Activities:

Please describe significant public/community service, volunteer and/or extracurricular activities in which you have been involved and any related leadership positions you have held. (If additional space is needed please attach a separate sheet)

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Organization/Club	Length Involved	Positions held (if any)	Hours per week
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Organization/Club	Length Involved	Positions held (if any)	Hours per week
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Organization/Club	Length Involved	Positions held (if any)	Hours per week
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Organization/Club	Length Involved	Positions held (if any)	Hours per week
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Organization/Club	Length Involved	Positions held (if any)	Hours per week

Academic Awards/Honors

Please list any honor societies, scholarship and/or fellowship awards, and other recognition. Include past and current awards and honors. (If additional space is needed please attach a separate sheet)

_____	_____
Title	Significance
_____	_____
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Short Essay Questions:

Please answer the following questions on separate sheets of paper. Make sure to follow the length instructions for each and to number each of them. Remember that the short essays should be original, should provide the reader relevant information. Applicants should consider these short essays as the equivalent to a personal interview. All essays must be double spaced.

1. How have your contributions to the community, your academic achievements, and your extracurricular activities allowed you to become an example of “**Poder de la Mujer**”? Description of “Poder de la Mujer” can be found on the cover sheet of this scholarship.

(Length 2-3 Pages)

2. Describe your educational goals. Indicate your main area of academic interest and why you chose it, including specific qualifications you may have.

(Length 1-2 Pages)

3. Submit a personal essay, the purpose of which is to provide information about your background, accomplishments, special circumstances, and/or any other relevant information that you feel this application did not cover. In addition please describe any socio economic and/or financial hardships that you have experienced

(Length 1-2 Pages)

Statement of Authority and Participation-Permissions

I hereby apply for the Hermanas Unidas de UCLA 2008-2009 scholarship and understand that any material submitted will not be returned. I certify that all information provided herein is true and correct. I agree to provide, if requested, any official documentation necessary to verify the information provided. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation on this form may result in an immediate disentanglement of the scholarship.

I authorize Hermanas Unidas de UCLA to contact employers and recommenders indicated in my application and accompanying material to verify the accuracy of anything contained in the application and accompanying material. I understand missing information may jeopardize the timely processing of my application. Hermanas Unidas de UCLA maintains the information I provide on my application. I have the right, according to the law, to have access to this information.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Printed Name

If possible, this application and all supporting material, including the recommendation letter, should be turned in as one complete package to receive full and timely consideration for the scholarship. It is to your advantage to submit your application as soon as possible.

**Forward all materials to:
Melissa Vasquez
Academic Chair 2007-2008
Hermanas Unidas de UCLA
3518 1/4 Portola Ave. Apt. 4
Los Angeles, CA 90032**

To the applicant:

(Please include the following material with your completed application)

- **1** Letter of Recommendation / Recommendation Form
- Answer to the Short answer questions
- Income Tax Proof or equivalent
- Transcript(s)

**Please retain photocopies of all material
Submitted**

Recommendation Form: May be a counselor, teacher, coach, employer or volunteer supervisor. Family members or peers may not write a recommendation.

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's High School/ Junior College of Attendance _____

Please comment on the applicant's academic strengths, weaknesses and potential to become a responsible, effective student.

How often have you observed the applicant at work?
At School?
Socially?

Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Never

In comparison to other students or employees, how would you rate the applicant with respect to the following?

	Inadequate Opportunity to observe	Below Average	Average Middle 50%	Good Top 25%	Excellent top 10%	Truly Exceptional Top 2%
Intellectual ability						
Maturity						
Leadership						
Personality						
Ability to work with others						
Analytic skills						
Sense of humor						
Respect from peers						
Written skills						
Oral skills						
Creativity/imagination						
Self-confidence						
Commitment to community public service						

- I strongly recommend
- I recommend
- I recommend with some reservations
- I do not recommend

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Hermanas Unidas de UCLA values your candid appraisal of the applicant's ability, academic and otherwise, including qualities of mind and character, dedication, responsibility, and readiness for the rigors of advanced academic study. Evidence of overcoming adversity, rising to challenges, and achieving beyond expectations are helpful in assessing our review of applications. You may wish to include how well you know the applicant and in what capacity.

****We strongly encourage you to attach a separate letter (with official letterhead) to amplify your comments****

Signature

Recommender's Name

Address

Position or Title

Relationship to Applicant

All evaluations will remain confidential. Please have applicant mail recommendation to:

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