The University of New Mexico
2020 Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship

The Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of an extraordinary woman and contributor to the University of New Mexico.

As a single mother, Ida Romero worked full-time and put herself through college at UNM. In 1985, Ida received her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. Three years later, in 1988, she received her Master's degree in Education. Ida was very involved in the university and in the community.

In 1995, Ida was appointed Director of UNM's Student Financial Aid Office. Shortly thereafter, she was diagnosed with terminal cancer and fought to beat it to the very end. Those who knew Ida were impressed with her strength, dedication, artistic ability, natural beauty and love for life.

The Scholarship is made possible through the many contributions and efforts of those individuals touched by Ida Romero and/or her memory. This scholarship is administered by El Centro de la Raza, UNM Financial Aid Office, and the Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee. Ida Romero graciously contributed to the University of New Mexico and through this memorial scholarship she continues to do so.
Selection Criteria:
A) Available to graduate and undergraduate students attending UNM
B) Must be a full-time student during the 2019-2020 academic year
C) A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for undergraduate students or a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for graduate students
D) Must display financial need
E) Must submit the following:
   1. Completed application form
   2. Essay responding to questions. Essay should be between 250–500 words
   3. Unofficial UNM transcript
   4. Current resume
   5. Copy of student’s 2018 tax return. Must include parent’s 2018 tax return unless considered independent per FAFSA guidelines.

The Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship will be offered to students demonstrating financial need and perseverance in overcoming obstacles. The application assessment is based on:

1) Essay questions
2) Financial need
3) General activities on and off campus
4) Honors, awards, and academic achievements
5) Employment, internships, co-ops
6) Volunteer work/commitment to community
7) Grade Point Average (GPA)

Selection is based on a point system. Each item is awarded points for the total overall rating. The award will be credited to the students’ account for the Spring 2020 semester. (individuals of under-represented groups, single parents, and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply).

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS: Friday, February 21, 2020

Applications MUST be received at El Centro de la Raza Before 5:00 P.M.

Notification of Selection:
A notification to the students chosen to receive the Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship by March 20, 2020
The University of New Mexico
2020 Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship
Application Form

Please type or print neatly.

NAME: _____________________________________________________________________________

Last                                        First                                 Middle

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________________

Street    City  State          Zip

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________

Street                                    City                         State       Zip

UNM ID NUMBER: _______________________

GRADUATION DATE: __________________

PHONE NUMBER: ________________________

EMAIL: __________________________________

MAJOR: ________________________________

MAJOR: ________________________________

All applicants’ financial aid records will be reviewed to help assess financial need and kept
confidential.

On a separate sheet of paper, please include a short essay (typed, double-spaced) about
yourself answering the following questions (250 – 500 words total):

1. What are your academic goals?

2. Tell us about your heritage and why it is important to you.

3. How do you give back to your community?

4. What obstacles have you had to overcome throughout your academic career and how
have you overcome them?
Individual & Family Background

Please complete the following information as thoroughly as possible since the selection committee will consider the family financial situation as an important element in determining awards. We need to know how you will support yourself while at school and what unmet financial support you need to complete the school year.

1. Class Level 2019-20: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ Master □ Doctoral □ Professional

2. Your status? □ Single □ Married □ Separated □ Divorced □ Widowed

3. If married, is your spouse employed? □ Yes □ No

4. If applicable, how many children? __________

5. Will you work during the academic year? □ Yes □ No
   If yes, how many hours per week? ________ Monthly Salary $______________

6. Will you live: □ On Campus □ Off Campus
   If Off Campus, will you live with your parents? □ Yes □ No

7. Number of brothers and sisters if single? __________
   How many in college, including yourself? __________

8. Parents’ current marital status: □ Single □ Married □ Separated □ Divorced □ Widowed

Please fill out form completely to the best of your ability if you are not able to provide a copy of your FAFSA or Student Aid Report.

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I certify that the preceding information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant      Date