The University of New Mexico
2019 Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship

The Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship has been 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 Fine Arts. 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, the UNM Financial Aid Office, the UNM Scholarship 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 2018-2019 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 2017 tax return. Must include parent’s 2017 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. (individuals of under-represented groups, single parents, and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply).

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS: Monday, March 18, 2019**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA BY 5:00 P.M.**

Notification of Selection:
A notification to the students chosen to receive the Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship by April 8, 2019
Please type or print neatly.

NAME: ____________________________________________

Last                                      First                                      Middle

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

Street                                City                        State                        Zip

PERMANENT ADDRESS: ____________________________

Street                                City                        State                        Zip

BANNER 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 (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.


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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Estimated College Expenses for the 2018-2019 Academic Year</th>
<th>Estimated Income to Cover Cost for the 2018-2019 Academic Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuition and Fees</td>
<td>Student’s Income</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Books and Supplies</td>
<td>Spouse’s Contribution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room and Board</td>
<td>Parental Support</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local Transportation</td>
<td>Savings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical Cost/Insurance</td>
<td>Other Scholarships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Expenses (List)</td>
<td>Grants (Pell, State, etc.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Expenses</td>
<td>Total Income</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Applicant                      Date