



## Herrera Internship Endowment

The Herrera Internship Endowment was created by Dr. Denise Herrera to honor her mother (Yolanda Herrera) and two grandmothers (Reyna Herrera and Helen Montoya) who did not have the opportunity to pursue higher education. As a Native New Mexican, Dr. Herrera has dedicated much of her academic and professional career to the advancement of underrepresented groups in higher education. As a participant in several diversity programs herself, Dr. Herrera has mentored students from elementary through the postdoctoral level; this internship is intended to honor that tradition of “lifting others while we climb” and paying it forward.

**Purpose:** The Herrera Internship provides scholarships to Hispanic, female students who complete an internship with the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC).

**Eligibility:** The ideal applicant should:

- Be a New Mexico resident. For purposes of this internship, we define residency as having lived in New Mexico for at least one year (at the time of application), regardless of immigration status.
- Self-identify as female and Hispanic, Latina, Chicana, or Mexican-American.
- Be a high school senior or undergraduate student, in good standing, who is enrolled at least half time in an accredited college or university in New Mexico.
- Preference may be given to first generation college students.

**Award:** Interns will enter into a Letter of Agreement with the NHCC to commit to a set number of internship hours with the NHCC (in one or several of its programs: Administration, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, History and Literary Arts or Foundation). The maximum internship award available is a total of \$4,000 in an academic year. Awards will be disbursed directly to the intern in 2 installments, at the beginning/end of each semester or term in which the student is in school.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home or cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interns selected should reflect the core beliefs and values of the internship – which values academic goals and achievement, civic and community engagement, and leadership and commitment to better one’s own community. In your personal statement, please describe your core beliefs and values.**

**Please submit with this application the following statements and essays.**

**Personal Statement – Please describe your core beliefs and values (300 words or less):**

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**Short Essay #1: Describe your civic engagement in your community and / or educational institution (500 words or less).**

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**Short Essay #2: Describe how you will benefit from this opportunity (500 words or less).**

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**Statement of financial need (200 words or less).**

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**Statement of Accuracy:**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated and attached information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>*REQUIRED APPLICATION CHECKLIST</b>		
	<b>Internship Application</b>	Completed online application (includes personal statement, short essays #1 and #2, and statement of need)
	<b>Resume</b>	Resume, bio sketch, or curriculum vita (up to 3 pages)
	<b>1 Signed Letter of Support</b>	From professional/personal/athletic coach/guidance counselor or school advisor
	<b>Proof of Enrollment in Educational Institution</b>	Copies of unofficial or official transcripts

Please send your completed application and related documents to [NicoleR.Larranaga@state.nm.us](mailto:NicoleR.Larranaga@state.nm.us).  
Questions regarding application can be directed to the NHCC at 505-246-2261.

**Applications must be submitted by May 15. Applicants will be informed of decisions by June 30 for applied funds to begin the following academic term.**