

MESTIZO ARTS SCHOLARSHIP CULTURAL AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

GRANT AWARD APPLICATION INFORMATION 2024

The Mestizo Arts Scholarship Cultural And Recreation Association (MASCARA) is a non-profit with the mission to advance Mestizo cultural arts through events and education promotion. MASCARA will award educational grants on a yearly basis starting in the Spring 2024.

Based in the California Central Coast, MASCARA will award educational grants to individuals pursuing a program of study beyond a high school education

Scholarship Criteria:

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- Commitment to education
- Potential for success in an institution of higher learning
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Participation in community service, extracurricular activities and/or related work experience
- Current resident of Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande and Nipomo
- Attend a college or program of study in the counties of Santa Barbara or San Luis Obispo

Grant Awards are available for:

- Students attending career/technical schools, community colleges or four-year universities in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties
- Graduating high school seniors
- Adults who have completed a GED
- Adult re-entry students
- AB540 and Dreamers are welcome to apply

Application announcements are made to local high schools, colleges and post-secondary programs.

How are scholarship recipients selected?

Eligible recipients are selected by a scholarship committee composed of MASCARA and community members. Applications are reviewed competitively.

Recipients will be notified by mail, invited to an event where they are the honored guest and provided instructions on how the grant award check will be processed.

How to apply for the scholarship and submission instructions:

Eligible students **must complete:**

- 1) the attached application form;**
- 2) Two (2) letters of recommendation (from counselor and/or others not related to the applicant) that is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, skills, community service and volunteerism activities;**
- 3) an essay;**
- 4) transcript (unofficial is acceptable); and**
- 5) student aid report (SAR).**

SAR is required, but if you do not have it, you are still encouraged to apply.

Applicants can request an application packet at wearemascara@gmail.com

MASCARA

540 E Betteravia Rd., Ste D Box-157, Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 723-0150

EMAIL: WEAREMASCARA@GMAIL.COM

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2024 GRANT AWARD APPLICATION

Personal Information:

Name:	Age:
Address:	Phone:
City/Zip:	Email:

Name of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s):	Phone:
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Educational Information:

Presently Enrolled at:	GPA:
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Current Grade/Year in School:	Expected Year of Graduation:
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Educational Institution you Plan to Attend in 2024-25:

Program of Study/Major:

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Completely fill out this application.
- B. One page statement (minimum 200 words) regarding your educational goal– Must be typewritten.
- C. One (1) letter from an educational professional who can speak to your academic experience.
- D. One (1) letter from a community member who knows you well
- E. Copy of your college or high school unofficial transcript (most current – need not be sealed).
Please cross out any personal identifying information, such as social security number or date of birth
- F. Copy of page from the SAR (Student Aid Report) that indicates your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution)
– if you applied for Financial Aid (FAFSA)

*Letters must be from individuals not related to applicant. Letters from family members will not be accepted. *

Mail this application and all items to:

MASCARA
540 E Betteravia Rd., Ste D Box-157
Santa Maria, CA 93454

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 15 APRIL 2024 11:59 P.M (PST)

(Applications must be postmarked and/or received by April 15, 2024)

No applications will be accepted after this date. Application Packets requiring a signed receipt will not be accepted