

ACULPECA COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Important Dates: Application Period: **December 4, 2019 to February 28, 2020**

Application Deadline: **February 28, 2020**

Scholarship Recipients Notified: **By April 30, 2020**

Scholarship Funds Issued: **By August 9, 2020**

1. AWARD DETAILS

- Renewable scholarships (worth \$500 each) available each year; recipients could be granted up to \$2,000 over 4 years.
 - Juanita Velasco Scholarship Program**
 - Rosita Grossman Scholarship Program**
- The scholarships will be applied to tuition only for undergraduate study at accredited, non-profit two or four-year colleges/universities or vocational/technical schools in Canada.
- The award must be used in the year it was awarded, unless winners submit a formal request to have the award deferred.
- Recipients may transfer from one eligible institution to another and retain the award.
- In the event that recipients have other scholarships or subsidies which cover portions of tuition costs, ACULPECA will provide a scholarship which will amount to the lesser of: a) \$500 or b) the recipient's remaining tuition requirements for that given year.

** ACULPECA recognizes the exemplary volunteerism and dedication of the members who while alive have dedicated extensive and exemplary time towards the community, members who have devoted their time and skills relentlessly.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- **Be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible),**
- **Be an Alberta resident, and to be considered an Alberta resident one of the following conditions must apply:**
 - a. One parent, or legal guardian has maintained permanent residence in Canada for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies and be residing in Alberta, or
 - b. Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies, or
 - c. The student's spouse/partner is an Alberta resident.

- **Be involved in extra-curricular activities.**
- **Applicants must have completed a minimum of 40 hours of community service from March 1, 2018 - February 28, 2020**
- **Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 or 70%**
- **Applicants must be enrolling in a minimum two-year, full-time undergraduate program of study at an eligible institution in Canada in Fall 2020**

3. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Overall weighting of the application components:

- **Community Service, Recommendation Letter and Essay: 65%**
- **Grades: 35%**

Based on the number of people who apply each year, the competition for these scholarships can be high. The minimum requirements for community service hours, grades, references and the essay are items all students need in order to just be considered for a scholarship.

Meeting or exceeding these requirements does NOT guarantee that you will be chosen as a winner. Please keep in mind that **only the top 2 applicants from across Canada**, as chosen by the Selection Committee, can be selected as winners.

4. VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

All applicants must have performed a minimum of 40 hours of community service in the 24 months (March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2020) leading up to the application deadline. Community service is volunteering for any recognized community organization.

Preference will be given to applicants who have:

- Volunteered with ACULPECA to promote Peruvian culture through dance, music and fundraising activities in the past.
- Been involved in volunteer activities that support family well-being, including playgrounds/public space, children's health/wellness and other projects connected to a family togetherness.
- Held leadership roles in their community (i.e. Non-profit organizations)

5. MINIMUM GRADES

All eligible applicants other than Mature Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 or 70% in the last academic year of study before the year of the award. In this category, applicants will be ranked/scored based on their level of performance above and beyond the minimum GPA of 2.8 or 70%.

If the applicant is considered a "Mature Student" as defined by the attending institution, academic eligibility for the entrance level will be based on proof of registration at an eligible institution. Such proof of registration will also be required if the candidate is awarded the scholarship.

6. REFERENCES

All applicants must provide a recommendation letter from a person who is not related to the applicant and who is intimately familiar with the applicant's community service.

The **recommendation must be submitted by March 7, 2020**. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with the recommender to ensure that the recommendation is completed and submitted by the deadline.

7. ESSAY

ACULPECA exists to enrich the lives of its members, their families and the communities where they live. Giving back and supporting local communities is part of our core.

In 250 words or less, all applicants will need to share a written response about their experience with a volunteer project where they gave back and supported a community. Why was it meaningful and how did it impact the community?

8. RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions apply to the scholarship award:

- Applicants who have previously received one (1) of the two (2) ACULPECA Competitive Scholarships will not be eligible to apply for a new scholarship.
- The scholarship is applicable only to the post-secondary institutions within Canada.
- The scholarship is applicable only to the first post-secondary degree or diploma sought by the recipient.
- Applicant status and eligibility is verified at different stages of the application period and throughout the year.

9. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION POSTING

Pamphlets containing information for this scholarship will be advertised at the student financial aid services at any post secondary institution in Alberta or at the ACULPECA website <http://www.aculpeca.com>

10. HOW TO APPLY

During the application period, create an online account using the "Apply Now" buttons found on <http://www.aculpeca.com> to apply for an ACULPECA Competitive Scholarship.

Once you have created an online account, you can use the site to track the status of your application and submit your supporting information. You are responsible for making sure that you have successfully submitted all required application components before the deadline by logging in to your online account regularly. Once you have created your account, you can receive e-mail reminders and notifications at more than one e-mail address by entering an alternate or "Member e-mail" address in your account profile.

ACULPECA is not responsible for information that is late, unsuccessfully submitted or inaccurately completed.

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11. FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information regarding the scholarship program or other member benefits, please contact ACULPECA by email at executive@aculpeca.com or call 780-988-0477.

For specific questions about the scholarship application, contact by email at scholarship@aculpeca.com, responses will be given within 24 hours of your received email.

12. DECISION MAKING BODY COMPOSITION

Applications are to be evaluated by a Scholarship Board comprised of 2 members of ACULPECA executive plus 2 members of the membership at large who are sought to have demonstrated an exemplary volunteer spirit. All board members must be at arm's length of the prospective applicants.