

## **SER Corporation**

The SER Board of Directors is a body of business and professional people working together to help the Kansas SER Corporation carry out its mission of training and job placement for the socially, economically and academically disadvantaged. The organization was founded in 1974.

As a result of fund-raising activities and donations from community businesses and organizations, a scholarship fund has been established by the SER Board of Directors. College scholarships are awarded to deserving Hispanic students.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The SER Scholarship Program is open to all Hispanics students (with at least one parent being of Hispanics parentage), who have maintained at least a 2.75 (B-) cumulative grade point average (first time applicants must have a 3.0 GPA), have applied for full-time status as a student at an accredited college, university or junior college, and meet all admission requirements of the school selected.

### **AWARDS**

Awards of \$500 to \$1,000 each will be granted for study leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree. Scholarship awards will be paid in two equal installments in the form of a check made payable to the school prior to Fall semester, and the second installment will be mailed prior to the Spring semester of the same school year. Awards may be used to pay for tuition, required fees, books, and other related educational expenses.

Awards are renewable for up to three years or until educational requirements are met, whichever comes first. All eligible scholarship recipients **MUST** complete the application process **EACH YEAR** to be considered for renewal of the award. Students attending WSU automatically receive matching funds.

### **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of Academic record, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of educational and career goals, unusual personal or family circumstances, and a recommendation.

The scholarship committee will review all applications and recommend recipients to the SER Board of Directors for approval by April 30th. Recipients will be notified of their selection following approval.

### **RECEPTION**

**IT WILL BE MANDATORY THAT RECIPIENTS ATTEND THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION. STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING WILL FORFEIT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARDED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL.**

Recipients are required to notify the committee of changes of address, school enrollment or other relevant information, **prior to the installment mail date and in writing.**

## REVISIONS

The SER Board of Directors reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the scholarship program. Previously approved scholarship awards will not be affected by any subsequent changes to the program.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students who meet the eligibility requirements described in this brochure may apply for a scholarship award (or renewal award) by:

1. Completing and signing the enclosed scholarship application.
2. Completing a brief narrative as requested in the application.
3. Furnishing a recommendation letter to the Committee from a school counselor, teacher, or other individual with first-hand knowledge of the applicant's school or community involvement, leadership, academic achievements/honors, or other information on the application's behalf relevant to the selection process.
4. Obtaining an **official transcript**.
5. **Enclose a photo suitable for press release (preferably in color)**
6. Mailing 1 through 5 above to the SER Scholarship Committee, **postmarked no later than February 28th**, to the address below.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information supplied; therefore it is important to answer all questions as completely as possible. All information received by the committee is considered confidential.

Applications for the scholarship awards and questions regarding the program should be addressed to:

SER Scholarship Committee C/O SER Corporation  
1020 N. Main, Suite D  
Wichita, Kansas 67203

**SER Corporation**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Type or print all  
information except signature.

**APPLICATION FOR: Academic Year (fall and spring) 2022-2023**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First MI

3. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City  
\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip Phone No.

5. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

7. Hispanic American Background: At least one parent must be of Hispanic parentage. Indicate the ethnic origin of your father and/or mother who are of Hispanic parentage.

Mexican American  Caribbean (Hispanic)  Puerto Rican  
 Central American  Cuban  South American

8.  Permanent Resident  U.S. Citizen

9. Check present student classification:

High School Senior  College Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

**FOR APPLICANTS WITHOUT COLLEGE CREDITS**

a. High School(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street City  
State Zip Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

High School grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) applying to: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Have an official high school transcript sent to the scholarship committee

**FOR APPLICANTS WITH COLLEGE CREDITS**

b. College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

College grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose college transcript.

9. A. How many college credit hours will you enroll in for next semester? \_\_\_\_\_  
B. How many college credit hours did you earn last semester? \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Total college credit hours earned to date: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you received this scholarship previously? \_\_\_\_\_ Year? \_\_\_\_\_

a. What other college scholarships have you received or are now receiving? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Personal statement:

Please enclose with this application a one to two page typed personal statement in which you must address the following:

- 1) Hispanic parentage and family background;
- 2) financial need for this scholarship;
- 3) current higher education status;
- 4) Educational and career goals, and;
- 5) how you plan to help the community in helping others like yourself in the future;
- 6) **Please enclose a photo suitable for a press release.** In addition, comments on your achievements and any other information relevant to this application would be welcomed. This statement is one of the two most important selection criteria and is the equivalent of an interview. Accordingly, it should be addressed solely to the Scholarship Committee.

12. Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

14. Your parents' marital status \_\_\_\_\_

15. Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of your parents' children (include yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of the above children in college (include yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

17. RANGE OF FAMILY INCOME

- \$10,000.00 - \$25,000.00  
 \$25,000.00 - \$35,000.00  
 \$35,000.00 - \$50,000.00  
 \$50,000.00 or more

Are there any unusual circumstances that should be considered? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Information about you:

(Answer only if married or have dependent children):

Your marital status \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children \_\_\_\_\_

Number of above dependent children in college \_\_\_\_\_

Your spouse's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ total annual income \_\_\_\_\_

19. **Please enclose a photo suitable for a press release. Indicate names, addresses, phone and fax numbers of hometown / college newspapers.**

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20. Furnish a letter of recommendation to the Committee from a school counselor, teacher, or other individual who has firsthand knowledge of your school or community involvement, leadership, academic achievement, honors or other information relevant to the selection process.

Return this application, transcript(s) or grades, and letter of recommendation to:

**\*\*POSTMARK DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> \*\***

SER Scholarship Committee  
c/o Kansas SER Corporation  
1020 N. Main Suite D  
Wichita, KS 67203

I hereby certify that all statements contained on this application are true and give the SER Scholarship Committee the right to contact those schools, companies, or individuals named on the application for verification. I hereby release said persons from any liability for damages resulting from information furnished due to such inquiry. I understand that false information provided on this application may be grounds for rejection of this application. I also understand that failure to complete this application in its entirety will disqualify me from consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date