



Herrera Internship Endowment

The Herrera Internship Endowment was created by Dr. Denise Herrera to honor her parents (Yolanda and Fred Herrera) and grandparents (Reyna and Mariano Herrera), 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 postdoctoral levels. 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 an 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. The maximum internship award available for the 2020 - 2021 academic year is a total of \$1,800. The award will be disbursed directly to the intern in installments. This year’s internship will be completed remotely and may move to onsite, per current State health orders.

How to Apply

Applications can be submitted through the online form found at the link below; or by scanning and emailing the form on page 2 along with required materials. Applications must include all required materials in order to be considered for the internship. Please refer to the “Required Application Checklist” for the full list of required materials and due date.

The online application for this internship is available here: <https://nhccnm.wufoo.com/forms/herrera-endowment-intership-application-fy2021/>.

Scanned applications and materials can be emailed to: Annette.Lujan@state.nm.us.

Questions regarding this application can be directed to Annette at 505-225-6656.

Herrera Internship Endowment Applicant Information Form

Student First/Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of School 2019-2020: _____

Name of School 2020-2021: _____

Grade/Year in School as of Winter 2021: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (home or cell): _____

E-Mail: _____

Please prepare and submit the following essays and statements with your application:

- **Personal Statement:** Describe your core beliefs and values and how these align with those of this internship. Specifically, how do you value academic achievement, civic and community engagement, leadership, and commitment to better your community? (500 words or less)
- **Short Essay #1:** Describe how your knowledge and future success will benefit from this opportunity. (500 words or less)
- **Financial Need Statement:** Describe your financial need and how you will benefit financially from this opportunity. (200 words or less)

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: _____

*REQUIRED APPLICATION CHECKLIST		
	Internship Application	Completed online or hard copy application (includes personal statement, short essay #1, and statement of need)
	Resume	Resume, bio sketch, or curriculum vitae (up to 3 pages)
	1 Signed Letter of Support	From academic/professional/personal/athletic coach/guidance counselor, school advisor or faith-based leader

Applications must be submitted by October 31. Applicants will be informed of decision by the end of November. Internship period to begin January 2021.