



WHOLENESS

MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

2023 Scholarship Application *“Finding Inspiration, Elevation, and Wholeness in Christ”*

NOTABLE FACTS

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is November 22, 2023. Money to be awarded for the Fall quarter/semester of 2023.
2. Refer to the application process below for the required supporting documents (i.e. reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc...).
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be deemed incomplete.
4. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered. No exceptions.
5. A thank you card sent by awardee to the de la Cruz family is required before funds are distributed.
6. Students may apply for one or all Wholeness Ministries International Scholarships, but students cannot re-apply for the scholarship they have previously been awarded.
 - a. If applying for both scholarships, only one set of reference letters is required.
7. For questions about the application, please email wholenessministriesintl@gmail.com.

PURPOSE

The María de la Cruz DREAM Scholarship was established in 2022. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals that are enrolled in accredited four-year universities in the USA. The Maria de la Cruz Scholarship principally targets undergraduate and graduate students who are foreign-born or those students who are children of foreign-born individuals. Only one award is given annually.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is based on academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in community programs, including but not limited to volunteer hours. This scholarship is not renewable, but is awarded annually provided funds are available.

TIMELINE

- Open from April 1, 2023 at 12:00 a.m. (PST) until November 22, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PST).
- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- Applicants are notified only if awarded a scholarship by November 22, 2023.

- Financial award to be applied on or before December 5, 2023.
 - **High-school seniors: award will be applied Fall 2024.**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The María de la Cruz DREAM Scholarship awards a scholarship based on a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Involvement, Leadership Experience, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. Wholeness Ministries International, Inc. will pay scholarship funds directly to the recipient's academic institution. Scholarships are awarded annually and only to one recipient in the amount of \$1,000. María de la Cruz DREAM Scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation. The Scholarship awarded is based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria. Preference will be given to foreign-born applicants.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be entering their Sophomore/ Junior/ Senior year in Fall quarter/semester of 2023.
- **In light of these unprecedented times, first-year Freshmen are eligible to apply for this scholarship award.**
- ***High-school seniors now eligible to apply (Scholarship won will be paid in fall semester of college freshman year)**
- Applicants must currently have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- **Freshmen may submit unofficial High School transcripts**
- Applicants must be current registered full-time students at an accredited college/university in the USA.
- Preference will be given to students who display financial need.
- Scholarship application is due by **November 22, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PST).**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship Applicants **MUST** provide:

- Completed application form.
- Official proof of academic standing (unofficial transcript accepted).
- A resume.
- A letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or professor.
- A letter of recommendation from an employer, pastor, or other community leader.
- Proof of financial need - Official Course and Fee statement from the academic institution.
- **In 1000 words or less please respond to this prompt and following questions:**
- Many families emigrated to this country (USA) for a dream. In your own words, please express your personal dreams in light of your family's dreams.
- How does your current educational path help you in fulfilling those dreams?
- How would this scholarship award help you fulfill that dream?

**Please email applications to wholenessministriesintl@gmail.com with the
Subject line: "2023 DREAM Scholarship Application."
Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**

DREAM Scholarship Application 2023

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| Please type or print your answers below. If the application is illegible it will be returned to you or deemed <i>INCOMPLETE</i>. | | | |
| 1 | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Full Legal Name: _____</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">University Name: _____</td> </tr> </table> | Full Legal Name: _____ | University Name: _____ |
| Full Legal Name: _____ | University Name: _____ | | |
| 2 | Permanent Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ | | |
| 3 | Daytime Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Email address (University Email): _____ | | |
| 4 | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 65%; border: none;">Expected graduation date (Month and Year): _____</td> <td style="width: 35%; border: none;">Student ID Number: _____</td> </tr> </table> | Expected graduation date (Month and Year): _____ | Student ID Number: _____ |
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| 5 | Classification in Fall 2023: Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ | | |
| 6 | Number of Credit Hours Currently Attempted to date: _____ | | |
| 7 | Grade Point Average (GPA): ____ / 4.0 <p style="text-align: center;">Attach proof of GPA; your most recent unofficial school transcript is required.</p> | | |
| 8 | Academic Major(s) _____ Concentration (if applicable) _____ Academic Minor(s) _____ | | |

ATTACHMENTS & REVIEW

Please make sure that the following items are completed and attached along with this application:

1. Two letters of recommendations. ***Please email all letters of recommendations to wholenessministriesintl@gmail.com with the subject line: “Scholarship Reference For (the Student’s ID Number- [for example: Vanderbilt University and Student ID number: VU12345])” ***
 - a. A letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or professor.
 - b. A letter of recommendation from an employer, pastor, or other community leader.
2. Proof of financial need.
 - a. Course and fee statement from the academic institution.
3. Most recent official or unofficial college transcript.
4. Required essay responses to the question prompts.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Wholeness Ministries International Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Gladys M. Jackson Memorial Community Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at my accredited academic institution and a thank you response to the awarding family before scholarship funds can be distributed.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received by
Wholeness Ministries International, Inc. is 11:59 p.m. (PST) on November 22, 2023.**