

CESAR CHAVEZ SCHOLARSHIP

Established 2003

The Cesar Chavez Scholarship is available through the University of Central Missouri for a graduating high school senior or a college transfer student from the Kansas City metropolitan area (see below for eligible counties) planning to attend the University of Central Missouri.

The Cesar Chavez Scholarship totals up to \$16,000 and is distributed in the amount of \$4,000 per year for a maximum of eight semesters (six semesters for college transfer students). This scholarship can be used to cover direct costs the student will incur for attendance at UCM. Funds can be applied to tuition and fees, housing or books. Scholarships can be awarded in addition to other grants and scholarships and shall not exceed the charges on the student account.

Background Information:

The Cesar Chavez Scholarship was established by Dr. Bobby Patton, UCM President, and Mr. Joe Arce, Chair of the Greater Kansas City Cesar Chavez Committee, to provide a scholarship for a graduating high school senior of a Kansas City metropolitan high school or a college transfer student who plans to attend the University of Central Missouri. During Hispanic Heritage Day, April 22, 2004, Governor Bob Holden recognized UCM with a proclamation for establishing this scholarship (the first of its kind in the State of Missouri). The first annual Cesar Chavez Scholarship was presented on April 24, 2004, at the Guadalupe Center in Kansas City, Missouri at the annual Cesar Chavez Festival.

Criteria:

To be eligible to apply, a student must:

- be a graduating senior of a high school or a transfer student from a college located in the Kansas City metropolitan area (see eligible counties below).
- be accepted to the University of Central Missouri.
- be a U.S. citizen or hold legal immigration status.
- be involved within, influenced by, or supported by the Hispanic Community of Greater Kansas City.
- have a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale following the seventh semester of high school or a 2.0 cumulative college GPA.
- demonstrate financial need as defined by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- FAFSA must be filed by April 1 of each year.

* Eligible Kansas City, MO counties include Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Platte.

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* Recipient(s) of the Cesar Chavez Scholarship must achieve a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and maintain full-time status for the fall semester to be eligible to continue to receive the scholarship for the spring semester at UCM.

* Chavez Scholarship recipients must participate in UCM's Success Coaching/Mentoring Program administered by Success Advising. They must also be an active participant in a registered UCM student organization of the recipient's choice at time of scholarship renewal.

Selection:

- The recipient(s) of the Cesar Chavez Scholarship will be recommended by the Scholarship Selection Committee comprised of the Cesar Chavez Committee of Greater Kansas City and UCM representatives.
- The Selection Committee, with the approval of the President of UCM, will annually award up to four scholarships based on the above criteria. The Committee may exercise the option of making no selection should they judge the applicants to not meet the criteria.

1. Name _____ UCM student ID# _____

2. Permanent Address _____
street

_____ city _____ state _____ zip code _____ county _____

3. KC area high school/college attended _____
name of school city state county

4. Home Phone () _____ E-mail address _____

5. Attach a list of high school, college, and community organizations to which you belong (list leadership roles when applicable).
6. Include a statement explaining your involvement in the Hispanic community and the influence it has had on you.
7. “The end of all education should surely be service to others.” – Cesar Chavez
In an essay of no more than 500 words answer the following questions as they relate to this statement. How does this statement apply to your life? and how have you exemplified or plan to exemplify this statement?
8. Attach two letters of recommendation, one of which must come from your high school or college.

Personal Financial Statement – indicate your estimated budget for the **next school year**.

Costs		Resources	
Tuition and required fees		Personal Savings	
Books, instructional material		Part-time earnings during academic year	
Room and board		Aid from parents/guardians	
Clothing expenses		Other Scholarships/Grants	
Personal and recreational		Other Resources	
Sorority/Fraternity Dues			
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Understanding of Acceptance: If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I understand that I must meet the criteria as outlined in this application at the beginning of the semester in which the scholarship is to be applied to my student account. If my status should change before/during the academic year, I understand that I must notify the UCM Office of Student Financial Services. I further understand that a change in my status may affect my eligibility and the application of the scholarship to my student account. A FAFSA must be on file each year to maintain eligibility.

Signature

Date

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Application must be delivered or postmarked by **April 18** to:
Office of Student Financial Services ▪ University of Central Missouri ▪ PO Box 800 ▪ Ward Edwards 1100 ▪
Warrensburg, MO 64093

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