



Antonio Fernández Scholarship in Caribbean and Latin American Studies

Goals and Requirements:

The Florida Atlantic University Caribbean and Latin American Studies Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to Florida Atlantic University students who demonstrate both advanced bilingual skills in English and a second language of the region, and a commitment to serving Florida's immigrant community or Latin American/Caribbean communities abroad. The goal of this scholarship is to develop well-rounded, skilled, and committed individuals who are motivated to take positions in business, education, communications, medical sciences, journalism, communications, government, public entities, and non-profits that serve Latino/Hispanic/Caribbean and/or indigenous communities in Florida and abroad. Preference will be given to applicants with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to community service and academic excellence.

Scholarship recipients will be required to complete a minimum of three credits of internship work with a non-profit of the Latino/Hispanic/Caribbean community during each academic year the scholarship is received. Scholarship recipients must also complete the requirements for Florida Atlantic University's Caribbean and Latin American Studies Certificate Program prior to graduation.

Details of the Scholarships:

Scholarship awards in the amount of \$3,300 per year will be made to Florida Atlantic University students selected in any area of academic specialization and who enroll to complete the CLAS certificate.

The scholarship recipients will be nominated to the Caribbean and Latin American Studies Scholarship committee by their major departments. The committee will ensure that nominees meet the scholarship criteria and will follow their progress. The funds may be combined with other scholarships or financial aid and may be applied to the academic year as well as the summer term. The scholarship committee will review and renew scholarships on an annual basis. Renewal will be based upon internship evaluations, reasonable progress toward earning a certificate in Caribbean and Latin American Studies, and maintenance of a 3.0 GPA in the student's major college.

Responsibilities of the Recipients:

While the specific responsibilities of each intern may vary, all scholarship recipients must complete a minimum of three credits (45 hours) of internship service for each year the scholarship is received. Interns will work in an organization related to the Latino/Hispanic/Caribbean community and his or her chosen academic field, gaining critical experience in community organization, grant-writing, fundraising, local

politics, social service provision, translation, research, education, or journalism. At the end of the academic year, each intern must submit a written report to the grant committee detailing his or her experiences and accomplishments. Additionally, all scholarship recipients will work together to create a PowerPoint presentation and report detailing their collective achievements throughout the year. Each intern will be evaluated by both their internship supervisor and their internship advisor prior to receiving his or her final (S/U) grade for the internship credits.

Qualifications and Guidelines for Application:

Applicants/Recipients Must:

- ✓ Be a full-time Florida Atlantic University student in good standing who has completed at least one semester at his or her major College at the time of application
- ✓ Provide evidence of proficiency in English and any other language from Latin America and/or the Caribbean basin
- ✓ Provide evidence of relevant skills (computer skills, website development, fundraising experience, etc. depending on the student's major field)
- ✓ Provide evidence of a commitment to community service
- ✓ Achieve and maintain a cumulative FAU GPA of 3.0 or above
- ✓ Submit scholarship application and supportive materials to the FAU Caribbean and Latin American Studies Scholarship committee prior to Spring Break

Application Requirements:

- ✓ Completed and signed application form
- ✓ Official or unofficial transcripts of academic record for all college work attempted
- ✓ At least two letters of recommendation; one of which must be from an FAU faculty member attesting to the applicant's English and second language proficiency
- ✓ A résumé detailing community service, employment history, academic achievements, skills and interests, and honors and awards
- ✓ A brief (not to exceed 500 words) essay detailing your interest in serving Florida's immigrant community and/or Latin American/Caribbean communities abroad



Caribbean and Latin American Studies SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print in black or blue ink and include your full name on all attachments.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

SS#: _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Gender: Male Female

Local Address:

Permanent (Home) Address:

Local Telephone Number: (_____) _____

FAU E-Mail Address: _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident
 Non-U.S. Citizen Country of Citizenship _____

Race / National Origin:

- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black (non-Hispanic)
- Hispanic White (non-Hispanic)

Native Language: _____

If other than English, how many years have you studied and spoken English? _____

Other languages studied and spoken _____ Years? _____

II. Family Information

Please indicate the highest level of each parent's or legal guardian's educational background:

Father / Legal Guardian:

High School: None Some Diploma

College: None Some Degree

Type of Degree: _____

Mother / Legal Guardian:

High School: None Some Diploma

College: None Some Degree

Type of Degree: _____

III. Academic Information

High School Name: _____ Graduation Date: ____/____/____

SAT Score: _____ Date: ____/____/____ ACT Score: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Current FAU Standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Academic major: _____

Number of Credits Completed: _____ Number of Credits Enrolled: _____

Overall FAU GPA: _____ Semester: _____

IV. Financial Information

Please feel free to attach a brief (less than two page) statement detailing special circumstance or financial need.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include the following items with your application (see Application Requirements for details):

- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Essay
- Optional two-page document on special circumstances or financial need

Please mail or deliver your application to:

Dr. Luis Duno-Gottberg
Director, CLAS Program
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, FL