

LARES Tuition Award

Spring 2018

The Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) program is currently soliciting applications for the FALL 2018 LARES Tuition Award. The goal of this award is to assist LARES students reach their goal of obtaining a baccalaureate degree. Candidates are considered based on merit and leadership. **Priority is given to students who do not receive MAP grant money or other agencies that cover tuition costs.** Recipients may receive full or partial tuition waivers, depending on available funds. This award does not cover university fees or study abroad. The application and all supporting documents must be submitted by **Monday, November 06, 2017 supporting documentation must be submitted to the** to the LARES office (1200 W. Harrison, Suite 2640).

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- Continuing students must have earned a minimum of 24 graduation credit hours **at the time of application**
- Transfer students must have earned a minimum of 12 credit hours at UIC **at the time of application**
- Student must maintain a full-time course load during the Spring 2018 semester
- Student must be in good academic standing with a recommended cumulative GPA of 3.00 minimum at the time the award is allocated
- Be a US citizen or legal permanent resident, Holders of F-1 student visas are ineligible
- Qualify for In-State tuition

Application Materials

Applications missing the required supporting documents will not be considered.

Web submission of LARES Tuition Award Application (Find it at LARES.UIC.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS)

One Letter of Recommendation on official letterhead from a UIC advisor, counselor, professor, or administrator. Sealed. Must be submitted directly to the LARES office (1200 W. Harrison, Suite 2640), by Monday, November 06, 2017 5pm.

Personal Statement

An important component of the application the personal statement is equivalent to an interview. The personal statement should be **1-2 pages maximum, typed and doubled-spaced**. For fullest consideration, your personal statement should address the following areas:

- Academic and professional goals
- Involvement with the Latino community and/or UIC campus activities
- Current financial situation including financial hardships if applicable (i.e. unemployment, medical expenses, etc.)
- Why you believe you are an excellent candidate for the award
- Past recipients of the LARES tuition award must submit a new application form, and a new personal statement indicating how the award has helped them in pursuing their academic and professional goals.

Resume

Your resume is an opportunity to highlight your co-curricular activities and involvement with the Latino community. Be sure to include names of organizations/activities, responsibilities, and dates of service. Your resume should reflect the following information, if relevant:

- Employment
- Participation in campus organizations and events
- Leadership roles held with UIC student groups
- Community activities/involvement
- Volunteer or public service activities

Proof of Income

Must be submitted directly to the LARES office (1200 W. Harrison, Suite 2640), by Monday, November 06, 2017 5pm.

- A copy of your and your spouse's (if applicable) 2016 income tax return(s); Dependent students must also submit a copy or parents' 2016 income tax return documents
- Copy of Spring 2018 UIC Award Letter

For more information regarding this award, please email **Iliana Miranda** at imiran2@uic.edu