



## MACEF Filmmaker Scholarship Application 2021

**The MACEF Filmmaker Scholarship** will further the education of aspiring filmmakers who want to enter the film/television industry by providing \$5,000 scholarships to **four** students who are currently enrolled in the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. This application is open to any individual who lives in the United States and self-identifies as Mexican-American or Chicana/o, of any generation or mixed ethnicity. Applicants will be assessed on grades, experience, demonstrable skills, and financial need.

**Purpose:** There is a biased perception and stigma that exists associated with being of Mexican descent in the US, and the media has played a large part in this. Mexicans and Mexican-Americans have been largely portrayed in media through degrading stereotypes such as “lazy,” “uneducated,” “illegal invaders,” and “criminals.” Recently, those in political power, beginning with Donald Trump, have legitimized these Mexican-American stereotypes into the American consciousness, making this damage almost irreversible. No other Latino group has endured such abuse. Because Films, TV, and Streaming Series have a tremendous impact on the narrative, perception, and reputation of our community, MACEF, a 501(c)3 non-profit Educational Organization has chosen to promote positive content, as well as foster future Mexican-American filmmakers in order to proactively change the narrative.

### Applicants must:

- Live in the United States and self-identify as Mexican-American or Chicana/o, of any generation or mixed ethnicity
- Be pursuing a degree in the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television

### Scholarship:

- 4 scholarships available to UCLA TFT each at \$5,000
- Recipients are invited to the 2022 Inaugural Mexican-American Film Festival where they will receive acknowledgement at the festival

**Submission:** Applications for the MACEF Film Scholarships will be accepted between **May 10th to June 15th**. Recipients of the Scholarship will be announced in **July 15th**, and award funds will be dispersed **August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Application**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you self-identify as Mexican-American or Chicana/o, of any generation or mixed ethnicity? Explain.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Name of the school you are currently attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major and GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Explain your financial need:**  
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**How Did You Hear About Us?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Experience:**  
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**Work or Internship Experience:**  
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**In 200-300 words, explain why you feel you deserve this scholarship and how you plan to contribute to the Mexican-American Community? Include on next page or attach essay in separate document.**

**Is there anything else you would like us to know?**  
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**I have provided truthful information and understand the requirements and purpose of this scholarship. I can also provide proof of this information if asked.**

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Completed Application to [drruiz@drruiz.com](mailto:drruiz@drruiz.com)**

