

THE CARLOS AND MALÚ ALVAREZ ENDOWED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

SELECTION CRITERIA, REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Carlos and Malú Alvarez Endowed Student Scholarship will provide UIW students a pathway to excellence to become the uncommon leaders and problem solvers of tomorrow. Alvarez Student Scholars will apply their award to activities and offerings which enhance their educational experience and open doors to post-graduate opportunities. Examples include but are not limited to: study abroad, career mentoring seminars and guidance, financial literacy education, financial support for summer internships and/or faculty sponsored research, presentations at conferences/meetings, professional internships, service-learning, and preparation for graduation/professional school including guidance in applying for prestigious fellowships and scholarships.

When fully established, the Carlos and Malú Alvarez Endowment will benefit a cohort of ten disadvantaged and deserving students each year by providing career mentoring, financial literacy education, financial support for summer internship/research opportunities and study abroad, and post-graduate preparation.

Students will receive awards of up to \$4,000 per year, renewable for up to four years as a supplement to regular merit and need-based financial aid.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria for selecting Alvarez Scholars include:

- UIW students from all disciplines are eligible, but particular emphasis will be placed on math and science majors as well as students planning careers in public service.
- Financial need
- A strong work ethic and an intense desire to succeed
- Application to and membership in the UIW Honors Program

REQUIREMENTS OF ALVAREZ SCHOLARS

Carlos Alvarez has donated \$1 million to this scholarship because he wishes to see more students receive the opportunity to grow through college education and flourish in their personal lives beyond graduation. He is deeply invested in the success of each scholarship recipient; as such, Alvarez Scholars are asked to fulfill the following requirements:

- Attend donor or university-hosted event invitations throughout the year to meet Mr. Alvarez or university leaders. Four invitations are expected; attendance is required at a minimum of two such events.

- Attend occasional personal finance information sessions each academic year, hosted by UIW.
- Provide thank-you notes and personal information such as photographs and/or personal statements as requested by the UIW Office of Development and University Relations. Requests once a year should be expected.
- Maintain satisfactory academic performance each semester to remain in the UIW Honors Program, which requires a 3.5 cumulative GPA at graduation. If performance suffers, recipient must agree to attend tutoring and/or mentoring sessions through the university's Academic Success Center in order to continue receiving aid.
- Satisfactory progress each year in fulfilling the UIW Honors Program requirements as outlined in the Honors Student Handbook.

Failure to meet the above requirements would result in the removal of the scholarship funds for the student.

THE APPLICATION BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name (first, middle initial, last): _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

University of the Incarnate Word ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth or Hometown: _____

Number of Siblings: _____

Please list any siblings who have attended or are attending college now, along with the name of the school:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Name of High School: _____

Month and Year of Graduation: _____

Please attach a list of any extracurricular activities you participated in during high school using this format:

Name of Organization, Dates You Participated with the Organization, Your Role in the Organization

Degree you are seeking at UIW: _____

Declared Major at UIW: _____

Declared Minor or Concentration (if applicable): _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you ever applied for this scholarship before? Circle YES or NO

Have you ever received this scholarship before? Circle YES or NO

ESSAY PORTION

Please complete the following questions to the best of your ability. **Your successful completion of these questions will be the chief determining factor in awarding the Carlos and Malú Alvarez Endowed Student Scholarship.** In some cases, the essay answers given may also influence the awarding of Scholarship aid above and beyond the amount currently planned for all Carlos and Malú Alvarez Student Scholarship recipients, which is up to \$4,000 above regular tuition assistance.

Your essays must be between 200-350 words. Be complete and succinct.

1. Describe one or two academic or personal goals you hope to achieve while at UIW and how you think they will positively impact your life, your family and/or your community.

2. If this scholarship was awarded to you, describe how it would provide incremental assistance above your existing financial aid and allow you to pursue an opportunity that might otherwise be impossible (study abroad, an MCAT or GRE preparatory course, summer research experience, etc.). Please use specific examples of how you might choose to use this gift and why those experiences would be important to you.

3. Though college is often a time for exploring career options, please describe the field you are most interested in pursuing **today**. Please describe any person(s) or project(s) that have inspired your interest in this field.

4. Scholarship gifts from Carlos Alvarez will typically provide more than \$40,000 each year for student financial assistance. If Mr. Alvarez met you today, what would you say to him about his gift?

5. Please describe a time when you had to perform at a high level over an extended period of time to achieve an important goal. We would like to know about your journey to the destination; whether you achieved the goal is not as important. Include why the goal was important and what it meant to you; the decisions you had to make and any impact those decisions had on other areas of your life (i.e., how you handled competing priorities); and the effect the effort had on you personally

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed FAFSA or TASFA, sent to UIW.
- List of extracurricular activities.
- Completed application with essays.
- Completed [application to the Honors Program](http://www.uiw.edu/honors/application.html) (<http://www.uiw.edu/honors/application.html>).

SIGNATURES

I have checked all the answers for omissions and errors and I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying any information may result in the revocation of my application and the Carlos and Malú Alvarez Endowed Student Scholarship granted to me by the University of the Incarnate Word. **If applicant is under 18 years of age, signature of guardian or parent is also required.**

(REQUIRED) Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give permission to the University of the Incarnate Word to use any information contained in this application to report to Carlos Alvarez about myself and the potential impact of this scholarship. I also understand that my participation in the following activities as fully described in the award description is required in order for the Carlos and Malú Alvarez Endowed Student Scholarship to be awarded to my account at UIW:

- Donor or university-sponsored event attendance
- Attendance of personal finance information sessions each year
- Provision of thank-you notes or personal information as requested
- Satisfactory academic performance, including attending tutoring sessions if necessary
- Satisfactory progress each year in fulfilling the UIW Honors Program requirements

(REQUIRED) Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____