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## Scholarship Criteria and Guidelines

### SAUL GALLEGOS RUIZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

#### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Mt. Hood Unida (“MHU”) was formed to empower Latinos to thrive through a variety of community services and connections. We celebrate and support Latino histories, cultures, contributions and growth in our mountain community through outreach, education and events. Exempt purpose: A99: Arts, Culture & Humanities N.E.C.

For many individuals, the cost of enrolling in an athletic program (“Program”) is a significant obstacle. In furtherance of its mission, MHU developed the Saul Gallegos Ruiz Scholarship (“Scholarship”). The purpose of this Scholarship is to encourage and enable Latinx individuals to participate in sports Programs.

MHU intends to award Scholarships up to \$100 per student a season. Awards will be based on financial need and a candidate’s explanation of how the Scholarship and the Program for which the Scholarship is sought will help the individual develop or improve self-confidence, leadership and /or connections to the community. This Scholarship may only be used for Programs. If your student qualifies and is interested in applying for this Scholarship, please complete and submit the attached Application to MHU at [mthoodunida@gmail.com](mailto:mthoodunida@gmail.com).

The Scholarship is given on a rolling basis throughout the year in accordance with typical youth sports seasons - that is, students can apply for a scholarship at any time, but they must indicate what sports program and season they will use it for. Students are eligible for one scholarship per student per season. Scholarship recipients will be selected by MHU board of directors.

**To be eligible for a Scholarship, the Scholarship recipient must be:**

- a member of the Latino community
- a student in the Oregon Trail School District
- *Financial need may be taken into consideration*

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

Scholarship Applications will be received by a committee appointed by MHU's President. The President will forward the Applications to the scholarship committee for their review as they are received. The committee will forward its recommendations to the MHU Board ("Board") for final approval within ten (10) business days.

Only applications that are complete (all questions answered) and for which applicants meet eligibility requirements will be considered by the Board. Students who submit multiple applications per season will be denied after the first scholarship; only the first scholarship application will be considered.

Once reviewed and considered, the Board will determine Scholarship awards.

## ADVERTISING THE SCHOLARSHIP

MHU will notify the public of Scholarship availability as follows:

- o On MHU social media pages
- o On MHU website
- o Via an email to the of the school or sports program

## SCHOLARSHIP CALENDAR

Mt. Hood Unida will promote the scholarship throughout the calendar year, and students can apply at any time. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

The following sports calendars are typical times when school sports program registration occurs in the Oregon Trail School District. Students can apply at any time, and they can apply a scholarship to any sports program offered by a school, municipality, recreational organization, club or other sporting organization.

Students should reach out to the sports program of interest for their registration deadlines.

### **Spring Sports**

Late January through early March

### **Fall Sports**

Mid-July through early September

### **Winter Sports**

Late September through early November

