



**LA MICHUACANA FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE
FOR THE SPRING 2024 SEMESTER**

La Michoacana Foundation¹ will be awarding scholarships (“Scholarship for Excellence”) to high school students graduating in May 2023, current high school graduates, current community college students, and current college/university students who are employees with at least two (2) years seniority, or biological/adoptive children of active employees who have worked for La Michoacana Meat Market, El Ahorro Supermarket, Excel Grocery Distribution, Los Pinos Bakery, La Campera Tortilleria or Sellers Bros for at least (3) years². The Scholarship for Excellence awards will be potentially renewable scholarships of up to \$7,500 per semester.

La Michoacana Foundation’s Scholarship for Excellence for the Spring 2024 semester is designed to assist future and current college students in fulfilling their educational and professional aspirations. La Michoacana Foundation will award the Scholarship for Excellence based on: (1) academic performance; (2) a personal essay; (3) extracurricular activities; (4) performance on aptitude tests (if taken within last 3 years); (5) a recommendation from an educational instructor/store supervisor; (6) financial need³; (7) personal interview; and (8) the selection committee’s conclusions about an applicant’s motivation and character⁴.

In order to be eligible to receive La Michoacana Foundation’s Scholarship for Excellence, applicants must meet the following criteria:

¹ La Michoacana Foundation, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

² Certain owners of La Michoacana Meat Market, El Ahorro Supermarket, and all related entities and their family members are not eligible for this scholarship.

³ While a factor, a lack of financial need will not preclude an applicant from receiving the Scholarship for Excellence for the Spring 2024 Semester.

⁴ In the selection of scholarship recipients La Michoacana Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

1. Be an employee who have worked for La Michoacana Meat Market, El Ahorro Supermarket, Excel Grocery Distribution, Los Pinos Bakery, La Campera Tortilleria or Sellers Bros with at least two 2-year seniority, or biological/adoptive children of active employee of companies mentioned above with at least 3-year seniority.
2. Be a May 2023 graduating high school senior or current high school graduate starting college/community college in Spring 2024 or a current community college student intending to transfer to a four-year college or university in the future or a current student at a four-year college or university;
3. At the time of application:
 - a. Graduating high school seniors and high school graduates are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher;
 - b. College and university students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.67 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher.

If you meet the eligibility criteria and would like to apply for the Scholarship for Excellence for the Spring 2024 semester, please submit the following items via our website⁵

www.lamichoacanafoundation.com/en/information/#application by **December 18, 2023 at 11:59 pm:**

1. Your completed application, which includes:

- a. For new applicants or re-applicants (questions are subject to change):
 - i. A personal statement (not to exceed 1000 words) describing either an event or series of events where you showed endurance and fortitude during hardship or where you demonstrated leadership abilities;
 - ii. A brief description (not to exceed 200 words) of your financial need (if applicable) at the end of the personal statement;
 - iii. Transcripts⁶:
 - a) For current high school students or high school graduates:
 - a. A current transcript reflecting your cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). If your high school transcript is unavailable because it has been greater than three years since your

⁵ Only entries through our website will be considered. Any other information sent through any other means will be disregarded and/or not reviewed.

⁶ Official transcripts must be sent directly to PO BOX 550808, Houston TX 77255 from your High School, College, or University. Stamp date should be no later than December 18, 2023.

- graduation, most recent report card or a notarized statement from the high school's principal;
- b. Upload copies of official test scores from aptitude tests including: ACT, SAT, and/or SAT II.
- b) For current community college/college students:
 - a. A current official transcript reflecting your cumulative college GPA of 2.67 (on a 4.0 scale).
- iv. Relationship to La Michoacana Meat Market
 - a) Employee
 - a. Last paystub
 - b) Biological/adoptive child of Employee
 - a. Last employee paystub
 - b. Affirmation of parent-child relationship by applicant and employee-parent.
- b. For Scholarship renewal (questions are subject to change):
 - i. A personal statement (not to exceed 1000 words) describing how you have personally contributed to your community in the last semester or how the last scholarship has changed your life;
 - ii. A brief description (not to exceed 200 words) of how renewing the scholarship will contribute to your professional development or future career;
 - iii. Transcripts⁷:
 - a) A current official transcript reflecting your cumulative college GPA of 2.67 (on a 4.0 scale)
 - iv. Relationship to La Michoacana Meat Market:
 - a) Employee
 - a. Last paystub
 - b) Biological/adoptive child of Employee
 - a. Last employee paystub
 - b. Affirmation of parent-child relationship by applicant and employee-parent.

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2. **Have an educational instructor or store supervisor mail a recommendation letter to PO BOX 550808, Houston, TX 77255 in a sealed envelope. Stamp date should be no later than December 18, 2023.**

3. **Official transcripts and test scores shall be mailed directly to PO BOX 550808, Houston, TX 77255 in a sealed envelope. Stamp date should be no later than December 18, 2023.**
 - a. For current high school students or high school graduates:
 - i. A current transcript reflecting your cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). If your high school transcript is unavailable because it has been greater than three years since your graduation, most recent report card or a notarized statement from the high school's Principal.
 - b. For current community college and university students:
 - i. A current official transcript reflecting your cumulative college GPA of 2.67 (on a 4.0 scale).

We hope that you will consider La Michoacana Foundation's Scholarship for Excellence for the Spring 2024 semester as an opportunity to support your path towards achieving your educational and professional goals. We look forward to receiving your submission. Thank you and good luck to all applicants!

Submission Deadline:

December 18, 2023

Please Submit Completed Application through:

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Notification Date:

All scholarship recipients will be notified by: **January 4, 2024.**

PLEASE NOTE: The scholarship recipient(s) will be awarded potentially renewable scholarships to two- and four-year colleges or universities for the Spring and Fall semesters only. Recipients are required to reapply for the Fall 2024 semester. In order to reapply and renew the Scholarship for Excellence, applicants are required to maintain at least a cumulative GPA of 2.67 (on a 4.0 scale) and go through the selection process each semester.