

## ENTREPRENEUR SCHOLARSHIP

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**The University of Phoenix, Central Valley Campus (“University”) in partnership with the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation (“Foundation”) and SCORE Association (“SCORE”) are offering an Entrepreneur Scholarship.**

The University, Foundation, and SCORE recognize the impact and significant contribution of entrepreneurs in the Central Valley. This Entrepreneur Scholarship (“Scholarship”) was created to provide career-minded individuals, who express an interest in entrepreneurship, the opportunity to develop professionally, personally and socially within the Central Valley. The Scholarship will provide one (1) recipient (“Recipient”) with \$1000 towards tuition expenses, one (1) year of attendance in SCORE workshops and two (2) tickets to the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation Gala on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as more fully described in the Scholarship Terms and Conditions attached to this application.

**Only the first 50 submitted applications that meet the defined eligibility criteria will be considered.**

**Deadline:**

A complete application, and supporting documentation, must be submitted before **the first 50 submitted Qualified Applications that meet the defined eligibility criteria** have been submitted, or before **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**, whichever comes first. Applications not submitted or submitted after the application limit or designated deadline will not be considered. No exceptions.

**Award Date:**

The scholarship committee will determine the recipient of the scholarship by the award date of **April 10, 2020**. All applicants with a submitted application will be notified via email, regardless if selected as a recipient or not, by award date regarding the status of the scholarship.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Be a full-time associate, bachelor or graduate student currently attending an accredited community college or four-year college or university within Fresno County.
2. If selected, applicants must continue to meet all admissions requirements of their current college or university as a scholarship recipient.
3. Be 18-years of age or older at the time the scholarship is submitted or at the time the scholarship is awarded.
4. Hold a grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) and be in good behavioral standing with their institution.
5. Applicants must not be an employee (including full- and part-time faculty) or a family member (spouse, dependent child or domestic partner) of an employee of University of Phoenix, Apollo Education Group, Inc., Western International University or any other affiliate of University of Phoenix, Inc. or be an employee or board member of the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation or SCORE.



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6. Applicants must submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation by the Deadline. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to the applicant.
7. Applicants must submit a completed essay as described in the Essay section. High importance will be placed on the applicant's ability to demonstrate their desire to enter the field of business entrepreneurship by providing a one-page essay demonstrating their desire, skills and abilities conducive to independent employment.
8. The Recipient must attend the 2020 Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation Gala ("Gala"). Failure to attend the Gala will result in the forfeiting of the Scholarship award.
9. Applicants must return a completed application, official transcripts with GPA information, and one-page essay to [UOPCentralValleyScholarship@phoenix.edu](mailto:UOPCentralValleyScholarship@phoenix.edu) by **April 3, 2020**.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Only the first 50 applicants, who meet the eligibility criteria, submit their complete application, and supporting documentation, as more fully described herein, on or before the deadline ("Qualified Applications") will be considered in the selection process.
2. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the scholarship selection committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation and SCORE. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application, along with all the supporting documentation, which must be received on or before the deadline. The scholarship selection committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the instructions.
4. The scholarship award will be based on the committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay. The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.
5. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.
6. The decision of the scholarship selection committee is final and not subject to review.

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### **Award Date:**

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### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

Locate the online application at: <http://www.fresnoahf.org/>

Submit completed applications to: [UOPCentralValleyScholarship@phoenix.edu](mailto:UOPCentralValleyScholarship@phoenix.edu)



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:       Male       Female

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

What College/University do you currently attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current grade point average (GPA)? \_\_\_\_\_

In which University program level are you currently enrolled?

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Master's degree

Doctoral degree

What degree program are you pursuing? (List the specific field/concentration, e.g., business/marketing, criminal justice/cybercrimes, health administration/management, etc.)

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How many credits have you completed at the University, as of today, towards your current degree?

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How many credits do you have remaining in your program, as of today? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ESSAY**

Compose as essays in response to the questions below.

Each essay should be in a separate document and labeled accordingly (e.g., Essay 1) in the header. Use a 10 to 12 point font, single spacing and one inch margins. You must adhere to the maximum word count or page limit indicated for each essay. Your responses should be in paragraph format (intro, body paragraphs and conclusion). Do not use special characters (e.g., underscore, asterisk, etc.) in the file name.

We would like to keep as much anonymity as possible during the selection process. Do not include your name, information regarding employment or a cover letter in any essay. If you use co-worker names, please refer to them by only their first name.

Your response must be your own original work. In addition to content and ideas, your essay will be reviewed based upon originality, sincerity, quality of thought, clarity, appropriateness and grammar. Give specific support for your ideas; avoid general statements.

Only .doc, .docx and .pdf files will be accepted through the online application.

### **ESSAY Topic (one page maximum) Entrepreneurship in the Central Valley**

The Central Valley relies heavily on the ability of its citizens to create self-sustaining organizations that create jobs, provide valuable resources or commodities to the community and provide economic growth for the region. Provide a one page essay that summarizes your business plan, why you have the desire to be an entrepreneur, and how you see your business supporting the valley.

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### SCHOLARSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

By applying for the Entrepreneur Scholarship (“Scholarship”) and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant and/or recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by any of the following terms and conditions shall result in either disqualification of the Scholarship award or termination of the Scholarship award.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of the University of Phoenix (“University”) regardless if applicant is awarded the Scholarship. In addition, applicant agrees to execute an Consent and Release Form and further agrees that the University, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation (“Foundation”) and SCORE Association (“SCORE”) and its subsidiaries may release the application and the information contained therein to its agents, contractors and related third parties for the purposes set forth below.

Upon the submission of the application by applicant or the award of the scholarship and recipient’s acceptance, University of Phoenix, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, and SCORE Association including their subsidiaries as well as its agents, and others working for it on its behalf or at its direction and their respective licensees, successors, and assigns, shall have the right to use and republish the submitted application or any of its content; it may reference and acknowledge recipient’s name and authorship of the application; and may use recipient’s name, image and likeness, for any purpose relating to the scholarship, including but not limited to, any promotional materials, internal sites, external company sites, press releases and social media.

2. The Scholarship award is conditioned on the following:

Monetary Award: Foundation shall be responsible for providing the \$1,000 monetary award to the Scholarship recipient. The recipient must provide a valid tuition invoice evidencing current enrollment in and tuition fees in excess of \$1,000 from an accredited college or university located within Fresno County within 30 days of the Award Date. Once the Foundation receives proof of enrollment and tuition fees the Foundation will issue a check to the recipient. Said check will be mailed to the address listed in the Scholarship application.

Recipient is encouraged to seek independent counsel from a certified tax consultant as recipient is responsible for all other costs, liabilities, and obligations including any applicable taxes from the award of this Scholarship as Federal laws may change and laws vary from state to state. The University, Foundation and SCORE make no representations with respect to the taxability of this award.

SCORE Workshops: SCORE will offer free mentoring, up to four (4) mentoring sessions and workshops to the Scholarship recipient at the Central Valley University of Phoenix River Park Learning Center or any other location a SCORE workshop is offered by the Central Valley SCORE chapter to be completed one (1) year commencing from the Award Date (April 24, 2020 to April 24, 2021) . Recipient must abide by all SCORE policies and procedures regarding the workshops and all workshop enrollment is subject to availability and enrollment caps. Recipient is responsible for all material fees associated with any workshop.

Foundation Gala: Recipient must be available and must attend the Foundation Gala being held on **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, or the entire Scholarship will be forfeited and the award shall be void. The Foundation will provide two (2) tickets to the event. All other costs of attendance are the responsibility of the recipient. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that he/she will be required to participate in a presentation of the Scholarship at the Gala.

3. Scholarship will be applied to tuition fees only and does not include any other fees such as educational supplies, living expenses, physical textbooks and other fees not listed are not included.
4. Recipient must continue to meet all admission and educational requirements for the college and university that they are attending. Scholarship funds may only be used toward a bachelor or master degrees. Non-degree single courses, certificate programs and doctoral degrees are not covered by the Scholarship.



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5. During the term of the Scholarship, recipient shall notify University immediately if he/she is convicted of a crime, excluding traffic offenses. Recipient acknowledges that said conviction may impact this Scholarship in the University, Foundation and SCORE's sole discretion.
6. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that he/she will not portray University, Foundation or SCORE or any affiliates in a negative, harmful, disparaging, offensive or otherwise inappropriate manner or associate the University, Foundation or SCORE or any affiliates in any way with content related to tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or sexually explicit material or engage in conduct that is immoral or illegal that results in a criminal conviction.
7. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination, or clarification, as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the selection committee officials in their sole discretion. *Furthermore, University, Foundation and SCORE reserves the right in their sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the Scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.*
8. There will be no exceptions to these terms and conditions unless otherwise approved in writing by the Scholarship selection committee.
9. Any violation of these scholarship terms and conditions will result in disqualification of the Scholarship and/or termination of the Scholarship award. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that he/she shall have no right to appeal or contest the decision of to terminate the scholarship as set forth herein. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the Foundation.
10. In the event that any provision of the scholarship terms and conditions shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
11. **APPLICANT/RECIPIENT HEREBY AGREES TO RELEASE THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, FRESNO AREA HISPANIC FOUNDATION, SCORE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR AFFILIATES, AS WELL AS EACH OF THEIR OFFICER, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SHAREHOLDERS, SERVANTS, DIRECTORS ("THE RELEASED PARTIES") , FROM DAMAGES, LOSSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF EARNINGS, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF WAGES), COSTS, EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DAMAGES OR INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT CONCEALED OR HIDDEN, WHICH I MAY NOW HAVE OR MAY HERINAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES RESULTING FROM, OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS OR FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION BY THE RELEASED PARTIES.**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.



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2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements made in the Scholarship application are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
  
3. This Scholarship Terms and Conditions form may be executed electronically or by mail. An electronic copy of the agreement will be valid and given full force and effect and considered an original and will be denied legal effect because it was executed electronically.

**Name of Scholarship Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in the scholarship application are true and correct.

**Printed signature of parent/guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (if different from applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

1. For valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby grant to University of Phoenix, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, SCORE Association and their subsidiaries, agents, and others working for it on its behalf or at its direction and their respective licensees, successors, and assigns (herein collectively called the "Licensed Parties") the absolute right and permission to use, exhibit, exploit, record, publish, broadcast, and copyright, in whole or in part, in all countries in the world, my: voice, biographical information, academic or promotional submissions (including scholarship application information), educational record information, endorsement/testimonial, picture and likeness, or any material based upon or derived therefrom, or to refrain from so doing, in any manner or media whatsoever (whether now existing or hereafter created, including without limitation, television, radio, and other electronic and computer marketing, print media, and direct mail marketing), without geographical or other limitation, for any educational, advertising or promotional purpose.
2. I further agree that any such use, recording, publication, or broadcast of my: voice, academic or promotional submissions, endorsement/testimonial, picture or likeness of me, and any material based upon or derived therefrom, in any manner or media, is owned by Licensed Parties. If I should receive any print, negative, or other copy, I shall not authorize its use by anyone else.
3. I represent and warrant that I own all intellectual property rights (including but not limited to copyright and trademark rights) in any picture(s) or material(s) that I submit to the Licensed Parties and that no other third party releases are necessary. In the event I submit a picture(s) or other material(s) owned by a third party to the Licensed Parties, I shall provide all necessary third-party releases to the Licensed Parties. Said third-party releases shall grant to the Licensed Parties all rights set forth in this agreement. The Licensed Parties shall have the right in its sole discretion to deny any publication of said picture or materials. Furthermore, I acknowledge that any picture or materials submitted are not guaranteed for use by the Licensed Parties.
4. I shall have no right of approval, no claim to additional compensation, and no claim (including without limitation, claims based upon invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity and claims arising out of equity) arising out of any use, alteration, distortion, or illusionary effect, or use in any composite form. In no event shall I have the right to enjoin the Licensed Parties use, broadcast, copyright, publication, exhibition, or exploitation in any other manner, as specified in this Consent and Release Form.
5. I agree that this release does not in any way conflict with any existing commitment on my part. I have not heretofore authorized (which authority is still in effect), nor will I authorize or permit without the Licensed Parties express written permission the use of my: voice, biographical information, academic or promotional submissions, endorsement/testimonial, picture, or likeness in connection with the advertising or promotion of any other educational service if such authorization or permission is in conflict or inconsistent with the terms of this Consent and Release Form.
6. If I have given any endorsement/testimonial, it represents my current honest opinions, findings, or experience. To the extent that I suggest I have used the educational services of a particular entity, I have in fact so used them. To the extent that I suggest I express a preference over other similar educational services, I do in fact prefer them. I agree to immediately notify you of any change in my expressed views or preferences, or if I cease to be able to endorse.
7. I agree to defend and hold the Licensed Parties harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, losses, liabilities, judgments, costs, expenses (including without limitation court costs, litigation expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees), and causes of action of any kind against the Licensed Parties as a result of any material breach of any representation made herein in this Consent and Release Form and/or resulting from any intellectual property violation including but not limited to any copyright infringement or alleged copyright infringement regarding pictures and materials that I have provided to the Licensed Parties.
8. This Consent and Release form may be executed electronically or by mail. An electronic copy of the agreement will be valid and given full force and effect and considered an original and will be denied legal effect because it was executed electronically.



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9. This Consent and Release Form shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona and the United States of America without reference to conflict of laws principles. The Superior Court of Maricopa County and/or the United States District Court for the District of Arizona shall have exclusive jurisdiction and venue over all controversies in connection with this Consent, and each party irrevocably consents to such exclusive and personal jurisdiction and venue.
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**Printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **GUARDIAN'S CONSENT**

If signatory is under 21, the parent or legal guardian must also sign below to signify agreement:

**Signature of parent/guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (if different from applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_