



Center for Mexican
American and Latino/a Studies
College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

Lydia Mendoza Fellowship

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APPLICATION

ABOUT

A native of Houston, Lydia Mendoza earned many honors in her long singing career, during which she became known as "La Alondra de la Frontera" (the meadowlark of the border) and "La Cancionera de los Pobres" (the songstress of the poor). In 1971, she performed at the Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife in Montreal, Canada; in 1975, she performed for President Jimmy Carter at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington. She was inducted into the Tejano Music Hall of Fame in 1984 and into the Conjunto Music Hall of Fame in 1991.

The Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies (CMALS) at the University of Houston was established in 1972 as an interdisciplinary academic program encompassing the liberal arts, education and social science focusing on the Mexican American and broader Latino experience in the U.S. Its mission is to advance knowledge, promote critical thinking and foster the value designing a broad spectrum of public and scholarly programs. Located within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, CMALS has evolved into an academic unit with several major components: teaching, research and publications, recruitment and retention, leadership training, academic advising and community service.

Application Due Date: March 31st

Eligibility Requirements:

- Have graduated or will graduate from college during the 2023-2024 academic year
- Intend to enroll as a full-time student in a graduate program within the University of Houston
- Must demonstrate financial need
- A minimum GPA of 3.00
- Willingness to share experiences and accomplishments to inspire other students
- Willingness to attend mandatory program workshops (2 per semester)
- Demonstrated interest in Mexican and Latino studies and culture

For more information contact:

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Personal Information

Last Name, First Name M.I.

UH Peoplesoft Number

Birthplace

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Phone Number

Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Divorced ___ Separated ___ Widowed

Place of Employment

Number of hours you work per week

Do you plan on working while in school? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, how many hours per week? _____

Academic Test Scores

****Required but not recommended****

Date Taken or Scheduled to Take:

Test Score(s)

GMAT: ___/___/___

GMAT: _____

GRE: ___/___/___

GRE: _____

LSAT: ___/___/___

LSAT: _____

TOEFL: ___/___/___

TOEFL: _____

IELTS: ___/___/___

IELTS: _____

MCAT: ___/___/___

MCAT: _____

Please list any scholarships you have or will receive for college:

List of Awards / Honors / Scholarships

Award Amount

Undergraduate Information

University Name

Graduation Date

Undergraduate Major

Cumulative GPA: _____

Semester GPA: _____

College Activities / Organizations:

Graduate Information

Have you been accepted to a graduate program at the University of Houston? _____ Yes _____ No

University Name

Intended Graduation Date

Graduate Major

Graduate Program

College Activities / Organizations:

Essay

Provide a personal statement explaining why you are motivated to pursue a graduate degree in your field and how the Lydia Mendoza Fellowship will help you to achieve your goals. Additionally, please discuss any economic limitations that are hindering your educational and professional aspirations and how you plan to contribute to improving the condition of the Mexican community in the United States. Your essay should not exceed 1000 words.

Your signature will grant us permission to access your records at the University of Houston in accordance with the Privacy Information Act. Refusal to sign does not affect your status as a scholarship candidate.

Signature

Date

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS AT ONCE

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Resume/CV
- _____ Cover Letter
- _____ Typed, 1000-word (max) Double-Spaced Essay
- _____ Most recent College transcript and B.A. or B.S. degree
- _____ Copy of (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, TOEFL, IELTS, or MCAT) Scores
- _____ Two Letters of Recommendation
(1 recommendation letter must be from a faculty member at your undergraduate institution.)

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