

The Aon. Cruz Reynoso

Community Service Award and Scholarship Foundation

DEADLINE FOR THE HON. CRUZ REYNOSO COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP EXTENDED

The deadline for nominations for the Hon. Cruz Reynoso Community Service Scholarship has been extended to April 15, 2023.

The scholarship award, given annually to a deserving Latina/o law school student in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded by May 1, 2023 to defray law school or bar preparation expenses. In addition to the monetary award, the recipient's name will be inscribed on a nameplate on the foundation's perpetual plaque, with the names of past recipients.

Candidates for this award may be nominated by a faculty member, law school administrator or a Latino community advocate who is familiar with the candidate's dedication to serve the Latino community upon graduation from law school. Applications will not be accepted from a student herself/himself.

A viable candidate for this award will be a student who, in the nominator's estimation, will follow in the footsteps of a man revered in our community and whose dedication to serve our community was unparalleled.

Past recipients of this award, such as Senator Deborah Ortiz and Amagda Perez, Executive Director of the California Rural Legal Assistance foundation, have validated their selections with decades of tireless service to our community after graduation from law school.

Jorge Rodriguez, our last recipient, is a grandson of braceros and worked seasonally in the fields before attending college then law school at the University of New Mexico. He has been an advocate for immigrant rights and border justice for most of his adult life. Felipe De Jesus Hernandez, the previous recipient, is an Oxford/Harvard Law graduate with a long record of service to our community, dating from high school when he served as tutor and mentor to our youth to college and law school where he served as a leader of various Latino service and professional organizations.

Nominations may be sent to Miguel Martin, Foundation Director, at cruzreynosoawards@yahoo.com. It is important that the nominator provide detailed information about the candidate's qualifications and an email address or phone number so we may contact the candidate. Martin may be reached at (575) 571-2382.

You may advise the candidate that you are nominating her/him for the award. Please also advise the candidate that we will ask her/him for documents supporting their nomination, such as curriculum vitae, published works, newspaper accounts or any item that reflects the candidate's community service.

