



Latino Medical Student Association

Founded to represent, support, educate, and unify Latino(a) Medical Students

2025-2026 LMSA-West Richard Juarez, MD Memorial Award

Richard was born April 24, 1972, in the rural town of Brawley, California, and was a student at the UCLA-Drew School of Medicine. For all the years he was in medical school, he tirelessly dedicated himself to what was then CMSA (now known as LMSA). He acted not only as a Medical Student Representative (MSR) for his chapter but also became the principal medical student in charge of CMSA's Super network grant funding, ensuring that all chapters performed the necessary duties to maintain funding and community activism for the organization.

Richard's duty to underserved communities expanded beyond his involvement in CMSA. He was well known among peers and faculty alike to be a true leader and was consistently involved in community outreach and Latino health issues, both local and national.

Richard passed away in a car accident at the start of Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, 1998. UCLA-Drew. School of Medicine posthumously awarded Richard his MD degree. Classmates and fellow CMSA members decided to make permanent Richard's memory in the creation of the Richard Juarez, MD Memorial Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Community.

ELIGIBILITY

- To qualify for the 2025-2026 Richard Juarez, MD Memorial Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Community to LMSA & the Latino Community, applicants must be graduating medical students who have been involved in LMSA during all of their years of medical school training and have a clear vision of how they will improve the health of Latinos and other underserved communities.
- Must be a dues-paying pre-med member of LMSA-West. (Can contact LMSA Executive Board for financial assistance if needed). **Membership website:** https://lmsa.site-ym.com/general/register_member_type.asp
- Must be a resident or attending school within the LMSA-West region states (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho).
- Students are eligible to receive the scholarship regardless of immigration or citizenship status.
- Winners must provide a small blurb about themselves to highlight on the LMSA-West social media outlets and website
- LMSA reserves the right to rescind awards pending lack of submission or falsification of any documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 6th, 2025 at 11:59PM PST. All application materials must ARRIVE by this date!

It is the student's responsibility to submit a complete application and all supporting documents by the deadline. Extensions will **not** be granted. Incomplete or late application materials will result in ineligibility. All application materials should be submitted via e-mail and attached in a single file in Adobe Acrobat PDF format titled Richard Juarez, MD Memorial Award - Applicant Last Name, First Initial 2025*2026 to VP_Scholarship@lmsa.net.

Application requests, questions, and other inquiries should be sent to the above address or emailed to VP_Scholarship@lmsa.net. Please title your email: Richard Juarez 2025*2026 Scholarship - Applicant Last Name, First Initial.

Determination of which scholarship to be awarded will be based on the information provided on the application and at the sole discretion of the selection committee.

2024-2025 LMSA-WEST RICHARD JUAREZ, MD MEMORIAL AWARD FORM
APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 6th, 2025, at 11:59PM PST.

Please answer the following questions and attach a CV or resume to the application.

Name (Last, First)			
Address (City, State, Zip)			
E-mail Address:			
Permanent Telephone	()	Alt. Telephone	()
Birth Place (City, State, Country)			

1. Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) Western Chapter: Briefly describe the positions you held in LMSA on a local, regional, and national level throughout your medical school career:
2. What is the most important contribution you made as a medical student to the LMSA & Latino community? (500 words max)
3. Please upload a recent version of your CV or resume (Words/PDF).

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CERTIFICATION PAGE: *Student must read and sign below to be eligible for consideration.*

I have read and understand the scholarship eligibility criteria. All the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I am certifying that I am a student with the honest intentions of entering a professional medical career and possess a heartfelt desire towards serving the Latino community with their healthcare needs.

Signature_____

Date _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please make sure you filled out the application completely.
- Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.
- The number of applications received greatly exceeds the number of available scholarships. All decisions/notifications are final.
- Incomplete or late application materials will not be considered.
- Award recipients will be notified **3-6 weeks after the application deadline.**

Please send the completed and signed application with all necessary documentation **as early in the application period as possible.** Incomplete or late application materials will not be considered.

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THANK YOU FOR APPLYING FOR THE LMSA-WEST RICHARD JUAREZ, MD MEMORIAL AWARD.
LMSA-WEST WISHES YOU SUCCESS!