

# Mexican American Alumni Association

## USC Mexican American Alumni Association Scholarship *Undergraduate Student Application*

*Changing Student's Lives for Over 35 years*

**Application Deadline:  
Friday, May 1, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

USC ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Check only one please:  Incoming Undergraduate Student  
 Continuing Undergraduate Student  
 Incoming Transfer Student

Have you previously received the MAAA Scholarship:  Yes  No

NOTE: The USC Mexican American Alumni Association provides partial tuition aid grants to students that are currently attending or will be attending the University of Southern California for the 2009-2010 academic school year. The scholarship is for students pursuing Undergraduate degrees at USC who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Latino/Hispanic community. Students must be enrolled full-time in order to be eligible for the scholarship. In order to be considered as full-time, undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 12 units per semester with a 2.7 cumulative grade point average. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3500 per academic year. MAAA Scholarship Recipients are required to provide a minimum of 10 credits of volunteerism to selected MAAA programs, which will be determined upon initial advisement by the Mexican American Alumni Programs Office.

# USC Student Affairs

**Instructions: Please submit a completed application: Please respond to all questions listed in this application; use "Not Applicable" if appropriate. Each section must be completed (no exceptions).**

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

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Eligibility for receipt of a MAAA Scholarship Award include: (a) completed application; (b) you have demonstrated a commitment to the Latino community; (c) currently enrolled or will be an incoming student at USC in 2009-2010; (d) personal statement typed and no longer than 2 pages; (e) resume (f) community service; (g) demonstrated leadership; (h) overall academic and professional promise; (i) financial need; (j) completed FAFSA; (k) consent to 10 credits/hours of volunteered service to selected MAAA events per year.

**Section A: Student Information**

Permanent Mailing Address:

1. Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

2. Permanent Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. USC Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
6.  Male  Female 7. Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  
8. Ethnicity (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Are you a first generation college student (*defined as first in family to attend college*)?  Yes  No  
10. Are any of your family members current/former MAAA Scholars?  Yes  No  
If so, please list their names:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
11. How did you find out about the MAAA Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B1: Continuing Undergraduate Scholars Only**

12. Class standing for 2009-2010 academic year:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
 13. Expected date of graduation:  Fall 20\_\_  Spring 20\_\_  
 14. Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 15. Cumulative USC G.P.A (continuing undergraduate students only): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B2: Incoming Freshman Only**

16. Name of high school attended \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. City and State \_\_\_\_\_  
 18. Graduation Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 19. Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 20. SAT Score: Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ and/or ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_  
 21. Semester of expected admission:  Fall 2009  Spring 2010  
 22. Expected date of graduation from USC:  Fall 20\_\_  Spring 20\_\_  
 23. Expected Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expected Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B3: Undergraduate Transfer Students & First-Time Applicants Only**

Undergraduate Students:

24. Class standing for 2009-2010 academic year:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
 25. Expected date of graduation:  Fall 20\_\_  Spring 20\_\_  
 26. Expected Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
 27. Expected Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative USC GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Incoming Transfer Students:**

28. List most recent post-secondary schools attended:

School Name	City	State	Dates Attended	Major	Degree	Total Units

Cumulative College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B4: Volunteer Information – All Students**

*Includes MAAA Events*

Event/Program	Credits/Hours	Organization	Description of Participation
1.			
2.			
3.			

**If necessary, please submit additional volunteer information in a separate sheet.**

## **Section C: Financial Information**

### **Complete all that apply:**

#### **29. For Married Students:**

Number of Dependent Children? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Income? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **30. For Employed Students:**

Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours worked per week: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **31. For Dependent Students:**

Combined household income: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of dependents in household (including yourself): \_\_\_\_\_  
 List dependents (not including yourself):

Name	School

#### **32. All USC Students:**

Are you presently receiving assistance from USC's Office of Financial Aid or outside agencies?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please check the type(s) and amounts of aid awarded (do not leave any spaces blank). Write "N/A" or "\$0.00" if applicable:

Pell Grant	\$ _____	MAAA Scholarship	\$ _____
Cal Grant A or B	\$ _____	Trustee or Presidential	\$ _____
Federal SEOG Grant	\$ _____	Dean Scholarship	\$ _____
University Scholarship/Grants	\$ _____	Tuition Remission	\$ _____
USC Departmental Scholarship	\$ _____	Subsidized Loans	\$ _____
Perkins Loan	\$ _____	Unsubsidized Loans	\$ _____
USC Work Study	\$ _____	*Other outside Awards	\$ _____

33. \*Please explain other outside scholarships or agency awards (Name of Awards):

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34. To date, total amount of loans borrowed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **35. Continuing MAAA Scholars:**

List the year/s awarded and the amount of the scholarship/s that you have received.

Year(s) Awarded	Amount

## **Section D: Personal Statement**

36. Please attach a personal statement. This is an essential part of this application and major emphasis is placed on it. Please submit a ***typed, double spaced statement of approximately 500-700 words*** (no more than two pages). Your statement should include descriptions and explanations of your experiences which will enable the scholarship committee to evaluate your eligibility for this award.

The following are suggested areas you may include:

- Your goals (personal, professional, academic)
- Extracurricular activities and volunteer involvement
- A summary of your personal background and circumstances
- What impact this scholarship will have on your USC experience
- Information about yourself not readily apparent in the application

You may include any other information you feel is relevant in explaining why you are a good candidate for the MAAA Scholarship. Continuing MAAA scholars may include in the statement their participation in any MAAA activities. Provide a brief explanation as to how this participation has been significant in your development as a student.

## **Section E: Student Resume**

37. ***A resume is a required part of the MAAA Scholarship application.*** Please include your resume with this application. If you need any assistance with regard to your resume, please consult the Career Planning & Placement Center (<http://careers.usc.edu/students/handouts/>) as a resource. Applications not containing the student resume will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed for consideration.

## **Section F: Letters of Recommendation**

38. Two **original** letters of recommendation are required from incoming students and new applicants. **Continuing MAAA scholars** are only required to provide **one letter** of recommendation. The letter(s) of recommendation can be from professors, teachers, teacher's assistants, work supervisors, community service supervisors, principals, school administrators, school counselors, advisors, etc. Please ensure that letters are on official stationery and are addressed to the "USC Mexican American Alumni Association Scholarship Committee." The letter(s) must provide insightful information about yourself so that the Scholarship Committee may properly evaluate your application. ***These letters may not be written by parents or family members.***

## **Section G: Transcripts**

39. **Unofficial transcripts** are required for continuing USC undergraduate students, and for incoming transfer students. Transcripts should include all college course work completed to date (including Fall 2008 grades). Please note that for continuing USC students, **Oasis and Stars reports will not be accepted**. Incoming freshman do not need to submit transcripts.

## **Section H: Applicant's signature and certification**

40. I certify that the information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false or misleading statement will result in the disqualification of my application for the Mexican American Alumni Association Award and USC disciplinary action.

I understand that awards will be based on financial need and in conjunction with my financial aid package. **I am aware that in the event that my financial aid package has reached a maximum level of support, the MAAA is not required to grant an award if my financial need has been met through other sources as determined by my financial aid package.**

- The MAAA Scholarship, when awarded, will be distributed on a basis of 50% Fall semester and 50% Spring semester.
- All awarded students will receive notification of their award throughout the month of August. However, *no regret letters* will be sent.
- All decisions by the MAAA Scholarship Committee are **Final and Irrevocable**.
- The legibility, completeness, accuracy and quality of information provided in this application are taken into consideration when evaluating applicants. Please ensure that your application and its required items meet acceptable quality standards.

I hereby give MAAA and the MAAA Scholarship Committee permission to share the information presented in my application for research purposes and for evaluating my application. I understand that a requirement for receiving this scholarship is a commitment of 10 credits/hours of volunteer service to selected MAAA events in the upcoming academic year.

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Signature

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Date

*The results will be pending until your Financial Aid Package is reviewed for the upcoming academic year.*

### **Application Checklist**

41. To be used by Applicant. A complete application must contain the following: Please initial each item checked off:

Initial:

- \_\_\_\_\_  Signed and completed application
- \_\_\_\_\_  Essay (2 pages double spaced)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Student resume
- \_\_\_\_\_  Letter of recommendation #1
- \_\_\_\_\_  Letter of recommendation #2 (for incoming students & new applicants)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Unofficial Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_  **Postmark on or before May 1, 2009**

***Completed application should be postmarked by Friday, May 1, 2009 and sent directly to:***

USC Mexican American Alumni Programs  
 Attn: MAAA Scholarship Committee  
 3601 Trousdale Parkway, STU. 203  
 Los Angeles, California 90089-4890  
 (213) 740-4735  
[www.usc.edu/maaa](http://www.usc.edu/maaa)  
[maaa@usc.edu](mailto:maaa@usc.edu)

**FAXED OR EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**