MANA de IMPERIAL VALLEY
2016 ELSA DOWNS MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

MANA de Imperial Valley is committed to supporting students in furthering their education and in recognizing outstanding students in our community. MANA is proud to offer a competitive college scholarship to an Imperial Valley College student of Latino background who is preparing for a career in nursing.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: Up to $750

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: April 22, 2016

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the following requirements to apply for the scholarship:

- Be a Latina who is committed to supporting the mission of MANA de Imperial Valley
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
- Have plans to continue preparing for a career in nursing
- Community service/school activities involvement

Applicants must select one of the following two categories of scholarships on the MANA Elsa Downs Scholarship

- **Merit Scholarship:** Up to $750 scholarship awarded. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who have achieved a GPA of 3.0 and above
- **General Scholarship:** Up to $750 scholarship awarded. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who have achieved a GPA of 2.75 and above. This scholarship takes into consideration the financial need of the student

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

- Completed application form, including two (2) essay responses
- Demographic Information Sheet
- Resume including community services, work experience, awards and honors
- Copy of most current IVC transcript
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (completed by someone other than a family member)
- Typed Bio and JPEG or PDF photograph (must be emailed together to krodriguez@gmail.com)
  o A current headshot is required (**head and shoulders only**). Environmental photos will not be accepted.

Note: Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after April 22, 2016 will not be considered.

APPLICATIONS are fillable and may be downloaded at [www.ivmana.org](http://www.ivmana.org) or a paper application may be picked up at the Nursing Learning Center.

Recipients will be expected to attend a Scholarship Recognition Event in June of 2016.

Completed applications with attachments are to be emailed to krodriguez@gmail.com or mailed to:

MANA Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2945
El Centro, California 92244

Bio and a JPEG or PDF photograph emailed to: krodriguez@gmail.com
SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY
Please select only ONE of the following award categories by writing X on space indicated.

1) ____ Merit Scholarship (minimum 3.0 GPA)
2) ____ General Scholarship (Minimum 2.75 GPA) - Financial need of student considered

PERSONAL INFORMATION:
Full Name: ____________________________ Birth date: ____/____/____________
Address: ______________________________ City, State, Zip: _______________________
Home Phone No.: _____________________ Cell Phone No.: _______________________
Email address: __________________________

Are you a first generation college/university student? □ Yes □ No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:
Name of college/university planning to attend: ________________________________________
What is the degree or major you are pursuing: _________________________________________
Current cumulative grade point average at IVC: ________________________

Are you receiving financial aid: □ Yes □ No

MUST SELECT ONE:
WRITTEN RESPONSE: (Please answer each question below and attach to application. The written response to the two questions should not exceed 350 words.)

1. Why do you think you should be awarded the MANA Scholarship? How would this scholarship address your financial challenges?
2. Imagine yourself ten years from now. How will you have impacted the issues facing the Latino community?

WRITTEN BIO: Please write a brief bio which includes high school you are attending, your current GPA at IVC, most relevant honors and awards, involvement in both community and extracurricular activities, the school you plan to attend /degree or major you will pursue, and name of parents. (Bio should not exceed 70 words) Please follow template below:

Your name is transferring from XXXX Community College with a G.P.A. of 00.0. She has participated in the following (work experience, community service, activities, fund raisers, etc). She will transfer to XXX University to pursue a degree in Sociology. Her parents are ________ and ________.

I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I meet all eligibility requirements. I hereby give MANA de Imperial Valley Scholarship Committee permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations, and research.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
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APPLICATION FORM (Continued)

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHEET

MANA de Imperial Valley needs to collect demographic information for the purposes of reporting to funders, demographic analysis and data collection. This information will in no way affect your eligibility for the scholarship. The data collected will be separated from the application and will not be connected to any individual’s name.

Please complete this section to help us collect this data. All information is strictly confidential.

1. Would you classify yourself as economically disadvantaged? □ Yes □ No

2. What is your annual household income? (Check One)
   □ Below $10,000       □ $40,001 – $50,000
   □ $10,001 – $20,000  □ $60,001 - $70,000
   □ $20,001 – $30,000  □ $70,001 - $90,000
   □ $30,001 - $40,000  □ $90,001 - over

3. How many dependents are in your family including yourself? (Check One)
   □ 1     □ 2     □ 3     □ 4     □ 5     □ 6     □ 7     □ 8     □ 9     □ 10+

4. Are you a recipient of CALWORKS (formerly AFDC)? □ Yes □ No
5. Are you a recipient of Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI)? □ Yes □ No
6. Are you a recipient of General Assistance Program (GA)? □ Yes □ No
7. Are your parent’s immigrants to this country? □ Yes □ No
8. Are you a first generation college/university student? □ Yes □ No
9. Highest grade level of education of mother? ______________________________________
10. Highest grade level of education of father? ______________________________________

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If you have questions, contact Keila Rodriguez 760-457-7535.