



2023 Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser
Friday, October 13, 2023

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

MANA de Imperial Valley invites you to nominate a Latina in your community for consideration as a 2023 Las Primeras Honoree. Three women will be chosen and honored during the Annual Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at the Old Eucalyptus School House in El Centro, California.

Las Primeras provides MANA de Imperial Valley the opportunity to celebrate positive leadership in the Latina Community and honor women the entire community can look to as role models. This worthy event enables MANA to provide a sterling affair whereby proceeds are used to fund college scholarships, educational and cultural programs in Imperial County.

Attached is the 2023 Nomination form and instructions. We have also included a list of past Las Primeras Honorees. Nomination form must be submitted and received by **Saturday, August 26, 2023.**

MANA thanks you in advance for your assistance in helping us find our next Las Primeras Honorees! Your commitment to honoring Latinas in our community continues to be an asset and we value your support. For more information, please feel free to contact us at manalasprimeras@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Sincerely,

Ida Obeso-Martinez

President



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

You are invited to nominate a candidate for the 2023 Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at the Old Eucalyptus School House in El Centro, California. The Las Primeras Awards give well-deserved recognition to Latina women who have made significant contributions to the empowerment and well-being of the Latino community. Please submit one nomination per form.

Purpose of the Awards:

To honor the outstanding commitment and contributions made by Latina women to our community and to bring attention to the recipient's work.

Name of Nominating Organization/Individual: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Job Title/Position: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Thank you for your support!



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NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Nomination Packet **MUST** include the following:

- Completed Nomination Form
- Nomination essay (500-word maximum – 2 pages typewritten)
- Nominee’s resume and other supporting documents (e.g. letter of recommendation, newspaper clippings, etc.)

Please provide an essay with the following questions answered:

1. Why is the individual nominated for this award?
2. How has your nominee excelled or been the “first” to achieve a particular level of success in her professional/personal life?
3. Describe how the nominee’s work has had a substantial impact on the Latina/o community.
4. What community organizations has your nominee been affiliated with? What leadership positions, if any, has she held in those organizations?

Nominations must be submitted and received by **Saturday, August 26, 2023**, to:

MANA – Las Primeras Nomination
P.O. Box 2945 El Centro, CA 92244

Nominations will also be accepted via email to manalasprimeras@gmail.com. Please be sure to enter “Las Primeras Nomination [insert nominee name]” in the subject line. The nomination form and essay **must** be received in PDF format with supporting documents in JPEG or PDF format. If this format is not followed, your application will not be reviewed.

For additional information, please visit our website: www.ivmana.org or call Sher Cowie at (760)604-3635 or Jennifer Rodriguez-Godoy at (760)562-5970.

The awards will be presented at the MANA Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser on **Friday, October 13, 2023**.

Thank you for your support!



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LAS PRIMERAS PAST HONOREES

Celeste Cantu
Stella Mendoza
Emily Palacio

Rosie Garcia
Dolores Provencio
Dolores Soliz

Frances Beope
Lupe Quintero
Aurora Rayon

Grace Sesma
Margaret Silva-Chairez
Gloria Vasquez

Hon. Annie Guterrez
Norma Saikhon
Susan Solis

Alicia Armenta
Teresa Sandoval
Dr. Amalia Katsigeanis

Elsa Downs
Norma Kastner Jauregui
Libby Peraza

Ruth Bermudez-Montenegro
Toni Carrillo
Margarita de Necochea

Virginia Montejano
Rosie Ulloa
Katy Alcantara-Santillan

Hildy Carrillo-Rivera
Karla Davis
Mercedes Wheeler

Yvonne Bell
Rosalie Lopez
Rosie Nava-Bermudez

Dr. Luz Elva Tristan
Dianna Seanez
Gloria Uribe Brister

Rosanna Bayon-Moore
Soledad B. Meza
Dora Rodriguez
Sandra Tauler

Carmen Araujo
Gloria Rivera
Loli Mercado-Torres

Maritza Hurtado-Barron
Ernestina Calderón
Patricia Ureña

Norma Aguilar
Helen Noriega
Diana Peacher

Elvira S. Alvarado
Teresa Estrada
Liz Gonzalez

Bertha Alicia-Karnes
Sister Maria Luisa Valdez
Rebecca Grijalva Singh

Norma Sierra Galindo
Yazmin Arellano-Torres
Gloria Muñoz-Brunswick

Haydee Rodriguez
Lorena Lacar
Maria Elena Nava-Froelich

Monalisa G. Vitela
Mercy Diana Valenzuela
Norma Villicana

Esperanza Colio-Warren
Sandra Kofford
Dalia Rodriguez

Martha García Ed. D
Keila Rodriguez
Margaret Sauza

Hon. Monica Lepe-Negrete
Esther Sanchez-Banda
Veronica Platero

Rosa Diaz
Juanita Rebollar
Rita Zuno

Janette Angulo
Patricia Marcial
Lupe Rodriguez

Frances Terrazas
Terri Rogers
Jackie Ridell

For additional information, visit our website www.ivmana.org, or email manalasprimeras@gmail.com attention to *Sher Cowie* or *Jennifer Rodriguez-Godoy*, Las Primeras Coordinators.

Thank you for your support!