



MANA de IMPERIAL VALLEY 2025 ELSA DOWNS MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

MANA de Imperial Valley is committed to support and recognize outstanding students who further their education within our community. MANA is proud to offer a competitive college scholarship to an Imperial Valley College student who is preparing for a career in nursing. Applications are available online at www.ivmana.org or may be picked up at the Nursing Learning Center.

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$1,000

Application Postmark Deadline: *April 4, 2025.*

General Eligibility Requirements:

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

- Be a student 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 College & University Scholarship:

- **Merit Scholarship:** Up to \$1,000 scholarship awarded. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who have achieved a GPA of 3.0 and above
–OR–
- **General Scholarship:** Up to \$1,000 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 *ONE* essay response
- 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 ivmanascholar@gmail.com)
 - A current headshot is required (head and shoulders only). Environmental photos will not be accepted.

NOTE: Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after April 4, 2025 will not be considered.

Submit completed applications by email or mail to:

- ivmanascholar@gmail.com
- MANA de Imperial Valley P.O. Box 2945 El Centro, CA 92244

NOTE: Bio and photograph **MUST** be emailed to ivmanascholar@gmail.com (JPEG or PDF only)

Recipients are expected to attend a Scholarship Recognition Event on *Saturday, May 31, 2025*



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TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK**

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 grad point average at IVC: _____

Are you receiving financial aid: Yes No

MUST SELECT ONE:

Written Response: (Please answer ONE of the questions below and attach to application. The written response should not exceed 350 words.)

- 1. Why should you be awarded the MANA Scholarship? How would this scholarship aid any financial challenges you are facing?
- 2. In your opinion, what issues have the most significant impact on Latinos in California? Imagine yourself ten years from today, in what way have you affected the issues impacting the Latino community?

Written Bio: Please write a **brief** bio which includes the school you are attending, 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 parents name. Bio should not exceed 70 words. Please follow template below:

_____ is transferring/graduating from _____ with a G.P.A. of _____. She/he/they has participated in the following (work experience, community service, activities, fund raisers, etc.). She/he/they will transfer to _____ to pursue a degree in _____. Her/him/their parents are _____ and _____.

I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and 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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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHEET

MANA de Imperial Valley collects 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 the following section to help MANA de IV collect this data. All information is strictly confidential.

- 1. Would you classify yourself as economically disadvantaged?
2. What is your annual household income? (Check One)
3. How many dependents are in your family including yourself? (check one)
4. Are you a recipient of CALWORKS (formerly AFDC)?
5. Are you a recipient of Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI)?
6. Are you a recipient of General Assistance Program (GA)?
7. Are you a first-generation college/university student?
8. Highest grade level of education of mother?
9. Highest grade level of education of father?

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If you have questions, contact:

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