



2021 Las Primeras Virtual Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser
Friday, October 22, 2021

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

MANA de Imperial Valley invites you to nominate a Latina in your community for consideration as a 2021 Las Primeras Honoree. Three women will be chosen and honored during the Annual Las Primeras Virtual Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on Friday, October 22, 2021.

Las Primeras provides MANA de Imperial Valley the opportunity to celebrate positive leadership in the Latina Community and honoring 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 2021 Nomination form and instructions. We have also included a list of past Las Primeras Honorees. Nomination form must be submitted and received by Thursday, September 30, 2021.

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 me at manalasprimeras@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Sincerely,

Rosyo Ramirez

President



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

You are invited to nominate a candidate for the 2021 Las Primeras Virtual Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser to be premiered on Friday, October 22, 2021 via MANA de Imperial Valley's website and social media pages. 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 recipients 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 type written)
- 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 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 **Thursday, September 30, 2021** to:

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

Nominations will also be accepted via email to manalaprimeras@gmail.com. Please be sure to enter “Las Primeras Nomination [insert nominee name]” on the subject line. 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 (714) 814-3174

The awards will be presented at the MANA Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser virtually on **Friday, October 22, 2021.**

Thank you for your support!



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LAS PRIMERAS PAST HONOREES

Celeste Cantu
Stella Mendoza
Emily Palacio

Grace Sesma
Margaret Silva-Chairez
Gloria Vasquez

Elsa Downs
Norma Kastner Jauregui
Libby Peraza

Hildy Carrillo-Rivera
Karla Davis
Mercedes Wheeler

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

Norma Aguilar
Helen Noriega
Diana Peacher

Norma Sierra Galindo
Yazmin Arellano-Torres
Gloria Muñoz-Brunswick

Esperanza Colio-Warren
Sandra Kofford
Dalia Rodriguez

Rosa Diaz
Juanita Rebolgar
Rita Zuno

Rosie Garcia
Dolores Provencio
Dolores Soliz

Hon. Annie Guterrez
Norma Saikhon
Susan Solis

Ruth Bermudez-Montenegro
Toni Carrillo
Margarita de Necochea

Yvonne Bell
Rosalie Lopez
Rosie Nava-Bermudez

Carmen Araujo
Gloria Rivera
Loli Mercado-Torres

Elvira S. Alvarado
Teresa Estrada
Liz Gonzalez

Haydee Rodriguez
Lorena Lacar
Maria Elena Nava-Froelich

Martha Garcia Ed.D
Keila Rodriguez
Margaret Sauza

Frances Beope
Lupe Quintero
Aurora Rayon

Alicia Armenta
Teresa Sandoval
Dr. Amalia Katsigeanis

Virginia Montejano
Rosie Ulloa
Katy Alcantara-Santillan

Dr. Luz Elva Tristan
Dianna Seanez
Gloria Uribe Brister

Maritza Hurtado-Barron
Ernestina Calderón
Patricia Ureña

Bertha Alicia-Karnes
Sister Maria Luisa Valdez
Rebecca Grijalva Singh

Monalisa G. Vitela
Mercy Diana Valenzuela
Norma Villicana

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

For additional information, visit our website www.ivmana.org or email manalaprimeras@gmail.com attention to *Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter*, Las Primeras Coordinator

Thank you for your support!