

GILBERT BALDERRAMA
Minority Scholarship
2019 Application

Gilbert Balderrama served 14 years as a special education classroom instructor in Texas and New Mexico until 1993. In 1994, he enrolled in the NEA Intern Program for Women and Minorities and Missouri NEA hired him to be the UniServ Director for the Southeast Unit. He moved to the St. Louis area and continued his employment with Missouri NEA until his death. Balderrama continued to support and give back to the NEA Intern program by not only teaching courses in the program, but also by mentoring new interns as they progressed from the internship to work. For more than 20 years during his MNEA employment, Balderrama was the staff liaison to the MNEA Human Rights Committee. As a representative from MNEA, Balderrama visited several universities and talked to education students about teaching and the benefits of being part of MNEA. He had a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas; a Masters in Special Education from Texas University in Denton, Texas; and a degree in Administration from Texas University in Denton, Texas. He also completed special certifications in Special Education-Emotionally Disturbed and Bi-Lingual Education.

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Applicant must be a minority high school senior in a Missouri Public School accepted in a college or university pursuing a college degree.
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Received or postmarked on or before **January 31, 2019**.
- **RETURN TO:** Missouri NEA, HR Committee, 1810 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or fax to 573-634-5646 or email to Jeanna.Machon@mnea.org.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Parents' or Guardians' name(s): _____

Name and Address of college accepted into: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Home E-mail: _____

Class rank and/or ACT score: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Submit a school official signature below and include a copy of current transcript.

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signing here indicates your acknowledgement that this candidate meets the eligibility requirements listed above.

- **Current Scholarships/Grants:** Please list other scholarships and/or grants which applicant has applied and/or received: _____
- **Extracurricular Activities/Leadership/Community Service/Achievements:** Include as an attachment, your involvement and awards. Additionally, please answer the following question: "*Why do you think you deserve to be awarded the scholarship?*"
- **Letters of Recommendation:** As attachments, include one recent letter of recommendation from either a(n) administrator/counselor/teacher or other non-relative. Each letter of recommendation must clearly state the name of the applicant being recommended, as well as the name, title, address, and phone of the person making the recommendation.

Finalists may be called for personal interviews or further information. The winner will be announced in late April 2019 and the check will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of your college/university prior to the fall semester of 2019, after the winner provides us their college student number.

Questions? Contact Jeanna Machon, Missouri NEA 1-800-392-0236 or email Jeanna.Machon@mnea.org.