

GILBERT BALDERRAMA

Minority Scholarship

2019-2020 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 future educators 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 on or before **January 30, 2020.**
- **RETURN TO:** Missouri NEA, HR Committee, 1810 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or fax to 573-634-5646 or email to Roxane.Bly@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 for 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: *“What qualities do you have that make you uniquely deserving of this scholarship?”*
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation:** As an attachment, include at least one recent letter of recommendation from either a(n) administrator, counselor, teacher or other non-relative. More than one letter of recommendation may be submitted, and each letter must clearly state the name of the applicant being recommended, as well as the name, title, address, and phone number of the individual making the recommendation.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The scholarship entry must include the three bullets (above) and a copy of your current transcript.

Finalists may be called for personal interviews or further information. The winner will be announced in late April 2020 and the check will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of your college/university prior to the fall semester of 2020, after the winner provides us their college student number.

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