JULIA ROBIOLA GIGENA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Policies and Procedures
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Mano en Mano’s Mission Statement
To work with immigrants and farmworkers so that they may settle and thrive in Maine.

Scholarship Mission Statement
This scholarship was established to provide financial aid to students from Washington County, Maine, who self-identify as Latinx or Latina/o and who wish to pursue a two or four-year college or university degree.

Julia Robiola Gigena (1942-1976)
Julia was a Chilean national but a citizen of the world. She spoke Spanish, English, French and Italian fluently. She saw herself as a servant attending to others’ needs. She was patient, determined, passionate and self-disciplined. Her sense of humor was captivating, her intelligence was brilliant. Her entire life was molded by her intense faith in a God she saw as a personal friend.

Julia was an artist and, out of stone and clay, sculpted small children happily playing. She was a musician, a poet, a nurse and a freedom fighter. Through her art and work she built her influence into others’ character. She always gave the gift of self.

She left behind two tiny children when her life tragically ended far too early. She also left behind many people whose lives were forever changed by knowing and loving her.

It is the hope that this scholarship in her memory will allow her ideas and ideals to live on and help the recipient to be able to say at the end, “The dream is true.”

Scholarship Policies
• Financial aid will be granted on the basis of meeting eligibility requirements, compelling financial need, and demonstrated commitment by the applicant to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships will be based on need but will be no more than $5,000 per year. Scholarships of $2,500 will be awarded each semester.
• If the applicant’s financial need is less than scholarship amount or if applicant is attending school at a less than full time workload, the scholarship amount will be adjusted accordingly to the amount of need or proportionally to their workload.
• This scholarship will be granted to students attending two or four-year colleges or universities, with preference to students seeking a Bachelor’s degree. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA to receive continued assistance.
• Scholarships will be renewed at the original amount on a semester basis as long as the recipient maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average per semester. However, should the GPA fall below
For one semester, the following semester will be probationary. If the GPA remains below 3.0 at the end of the probationary semester, the scholarship will cease.

- A scholarship committee reviews the applications and makes a decision on which applicant has the strongest application. Although Mano en Mano staff can support students during the application process, Mano en Mano staff do not have a say or make decisions about who is awarded the scholarship.

**Eligibility Guidelines**

- Self-identify as Latinx/Latino/Latina.
- Be a resident of Washington or Hancock County and/or have graduated from Sumner High School or Narraguagus High School.
- Students are eligible even if they have already graduated or earned a GED but must have been admitted to an institution. Students already in college may also apply.
- First generation college students preferred.
- Applicant must demonstrate need for financial assistance.
- Applicant must submit all required and requested materials in a timely manner.

**Initial Applications**

- Submit completed scholarship application, personal statement, essay, acceptance letter, and transcript.
- All first-time applicants must complete an in-person or phone interview by June 21, 2019. Applicants should set up a call with Christina Ocampo as soon as they are interested to expedite this process.
- The following additional documents are required and can be submitted in the online application:
  - Copy of acceptance letter for incoming students or past transcripts for current students
  - High school or college transcript (official transcripts are not required)

**Personal Statement for initial applications (one paragraph)**
Please describe your personal and career goals. How will this scholarship help you reach your goals?

**Essay for initial applications (1-2 pages)**
First-year college students face a multitude of personal, social, and academic challenges. With these future changes in mind, select one of the topics listed below for your essay.

- What are you passionate about and why?
- What has caused you to resolve to do better at something in your life and how have you been successful?
- In the past, how have you successfully rebounded from some disappointment, failure, or tragedy in your life?

**Renewal Applications**

- Submit completed renewal application, a short statement about how your semester went (accomplishments, interests, learnings, challenges, etc.), and a copy of your most recent transcript to verify your GPA. Transcripts should be PDF documents that your complete enrollment history and current semester GPA as well as cumulative GPA. Please send these by December 31 for the fall semesters and June 30 for spring semesters.
- Students must notify us if contact information or enrollment status changes.
Scholarship Process

- **Deadlines:** Applications and supporting documents must be submitted online by June 15, 2019 for initial applications and by June 30, 2019 for renewal applications. Applications received or postmarked after this date will not be accepted. Email is preferred and all documents must be in Microsoft Word or PDF form. If you have to mail additional documents, please indicate which documents will be mailed on your application.
  - Email: cocampo@manomaine.org
  - Mail: Mano en Mano, P.O. Box 573 Milbridge, ME 04658, Attn: Mano en Mano Scholarship

- **Timeline:** Scholarship decisions will be made by July 8, 2019. Checks are typically mailed directly to the school by August 15 (for the fall semester) and January 30 (for the spring semester) unless the applicant has not provided enough information (such as transcripts from the previous semester) or requests alternate arrangements.

- **Questions?** For more information, contact Christina Ocampo at 207-745-5539 or cocampo@manomaine.org. We encourage you to reach out with any questions so that we may support your application process.