



Maria Guadalupe Cortes Vega Scholarship Application Form 2026

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, May 8, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.
2. Refer to the criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application below for a list of the supporting documents needed.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. You will be notified by Friday, May 22, 2026 regarding the status of your application.
5. For questions about the application process, please send an email to LCImmigrationCoalition@gmail.com.

Purpose:

The Lowcountry Immigration Coalition is proud to announce the establishment of its inaugural Maria Guadalupe Cortes Vega Scholarship. The scholarship honors the memory of Ms. Cortes Vega, who graduated from Bluffton High School in May 2022 and tragically passed away only days before she planned to begin college. Ms. Cortes Vega, the daughter of immigrant parents who were proud to see her pursue higher education, planned to study psychology to better understand and help others. Compassionate and kind, this scholarship honors Ms. Cortes Vega's memory by continuing her spirit of giving back and helping others while supporting the educational pursuits of students from immigrant families like hers.

Award Components:

This year, one (1) recipient will be selected to receive a \$2,000 one-time scholarship that rewards students who are first- and second-generation immigrants.

Award Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a senior level student at a high school located in Beaufort or Jasper County, South Carolina.
2. Applicant must be accepted to be a full-time or part-time student at any accredited, post-secondary institution.
3. Applicant must have a minimum, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. Applicant must be a first-generation immigrant (born outside the United States) or a second-generation son or daughter of at least one foreign-born parent.

Application Process:

1. Complete and sign the application form (if handwritten, please write legibly).
2. Include a copy of your most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average.
3. Evidence of acceptance into an accredited, post-secondary institution.
4. Personal Essay. Attach your essay addressing the following question [maximum of 500 words]:

How has your background as a first- or second-generation immigrant shaped your educational journey?

5. Evidence of being a first-generation immigrant or a second-generation son or daughter of at least one immigrant parent (copy of your birth certificate specifying the place of birth of your parent(s), copy of your or your parent's passport or naturalization certificate, etc.)

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Please submit your completed application to LCImmigrationCoalition@gmail.com.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email Address: _____

GPA: _____

Your Place of Birth: _____

Your Parents' Places of Birth: _____

Current High School of enrollment and graduation date: _____

Name of accredited, post-secondary institution of acceptance and anticipated enrollment date:

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that, if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote this scholarship program.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____