

## INTRO



### **Welcome to the Bill Perez 2026 Scholarship Application**

Thank you for your interest in the Bill Perez Scholarship. Established in 2023, the Bill Perez Labor Scholarship Award was created through a partnership between the Inland Empire Labor Council and the Inland Empire Labor and Community Center. Its purpose is to recognize the achievements of UCR undergraduate students who embody the spirit of William “Bill” Perez, who served the labor movement and working families in the Inland Empire for 47 years in various labor and public leadership roles. Three students will each be awarded a \$3,000 award.

All UCR undergraduate students with a major in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS), Public Policy, and/or those with a Labor Studies minor and a minimum 2.5 GPA are eligible to apply for this award.

To apply for the scholarship we recommend that you complete the following essay questions (downloaded to a single PDF), have a PDF copy of your CV/resume, and a PDF copy of our unofficial transcript readily available before opening this application portal. Applications are due by Monday, April 6th at 11:59PM.

The essay questions for 2026 scholarship are:

1. Please write a personal statement discussing your interests, life experiences, goals, and social commitment.
2. Please describe any activism or advocacy that you have engaged in on or off campus. This may include involvement in union activities on or off campus, participation in labor actions, or any other efforts related to workers' rights and organizing. Have you been involved in any campaigns, strikes, or collective bargaining efforts? If so, what role did you play, and what was the outcome?
3. Please describe any course work you have taken that focus on labor and / or social justice type movements. Additionally, please reflect on how those courses have impacted your view on these movements, and how they have shaped your future potential career paths.
4. What are your immediate career goals post-graduation?

Please limit your answers to the questions to no more than 500 words per question and package into one single PDF document.

Additionally for your CV/Resume please include the following: any past employment, leadership or club activities, volunteer activities related to labor and/or community activism, and on- or off-campus community service activities.

If you have questions or concerns that are not addressed above, contact [ielcc@ucr.edu](mailto:ielcc@ucr.edu).

## SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

For the Bill Perez Scholarship, please provide your information below and upload your documents on the next page.

First Name

Last Name(s)

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Current Major

Current Minor (If Applicable)

Student ID Number

Expected Graduation Year

UCR Email address

## SECTION 2: DOCUMENTS UPLOAD

Submit PDF Copy of your CV/Resume: Please have it include the following: any past employment, leadership or club activities, volunteer activities related to labor and / or community activism, and on or off campus community service activities.

Submit your unofficial academic transcript: Please upload your unofficial academic transcript as a PDF.

PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS– Please read carefully. Submit your responses to prompts 1-4 in ONE document (PDF).

Please write your full name at the top and clearly label and separate your responses to each prompt. Remember to proofread your document for any spelling and grammar errors before submitting. (As a reminder each essay should be no more than 500 words.)

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