Julie Perez Scholarship Fund

As first-generation college graduates, the Jacobi family understands the power of education. With a college degree and active involvement in our community, young women can change not only their lives but also the lives of many others to create a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable society.

The Jacobi family's mission is to find talented, driven, and deserving young women who grew up in less than ideal circumstances but have the power to change those circumstances for themselves, their immediate families, and future generations.

For this reason, in partnership with the Jacobi family, Chicano Federation is proud to announce the Julie Perez Scholarship to help invest in Latinas and the pursuit of their educational and professional goals.

About Chicano Federation

Chicano Federation of San Diego County is a leading nonprofit organization in the region and has worked towards the benefit of all San Diegans since 1969. The mission of The Federation is to invest in under-resourced communities through programming directed at promoting self-sufficiency and building resiliency. Chicano Federation programs and services address San Diego’s most critical needs by offering subsidized care for infants and toddlers, early childhood education at a preschool in Barrio Logan, healthy meals for over 7,500 children a month, 300 units of affordable housing at nine apartment buildings in Barrio Logan, City Heights, and South Park neighborhoods of San Diego, and a workforce development program that has helped hundreds of women of color start family childcare homes across San Diego County.
The scholarship fund will be managed as follows:

- **Selection Criteria:**
  - Attend a San Diego County high school and be in their senior year
  - Plan to attend a four-year college or university
  - Be a first-generation college student
  - Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
  - Have at least 20 hours of volunteering with a community-based organization or other type of community service
  - Demonstrate financial need (family's income qualifies as low-to-moderate)

- **Application and selection process**
  - Application period: January 1st to March 31st
  - Chicano Federation and MANA de San Diego will review applications and select top three applicants with final selection by the Jacobi family

- **Scholarship Announcement**
  - Each year, the award recipient will be named at the Chicano Federation Annual Unity Luncheon

- **Scholarship payments**
  - The scholarship recipient will receive a total of $7,000 broken down over four years:
    - $2,500 year 1
    - $2,000 year 2
    - $1,500 year 3
    - $1,000 year 4

- **Scholarship Requirements:**
  - The funds must be used towards tuition, books, or room and board
  - The selected student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and volunteer 20 hours of community service each year to receive funds for the remaining years
  - Each year, the student must send proof of enrollment, documented volunteer hours, and transcripts showing current GPA

Thank you for your partnership in supporting women of color with opportunities to achieve a better future for themselves and their families.