

*The Department of Spanish and Portuguese Announces the*

# LINA A. RUIZ Y RUIZ MEMORIAL AWARD 2025

A scholarship of \$1000 for a UNM student pursuing a Spanish degree

***Eligibility requirements:***

- ♦ Be earning a BA in Spanish from the College of Arts & Sciences, or have **declared\*** a second major in Spanish for your degree program, and are actively pursuing the Spanish requirements.
- ♦ Are expected to graduate between the **Spring 2026** and **Spring 2027** semesters.
- ♦ Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Spanish courses taken from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at UNM.

(**declared\***= degree program listed on the student's degree audit *and* transcripts.)

***The awardee will be selected by department faculty on the basis of:***

- ♦ Academic excellence, and,
- ♦ The strength of the submitted application letter (which must be written in Spanish).

Submit the application and materials by **Friday, April 4, 2025**

Complete the online application by visiting the Spanish & Portuguese [website](#)

*The scholarship certificate will be presented at the Department's graduation ceremony*

*Saturday, May 17, 2025*

# LINA A. RUIZ Y RUIZ MEMORIAL AWARD 2025 APPLICATION

**INELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND / OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS  
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1st major: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd major: \_\_\_\_\_ minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA-Spanish courses: \_\_\_\_\_ (as listed on your LoboTrax degree audit)

Anticipated graduation semester/year: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that everything contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I am pursuing a BA in Spanish from the College of Arts & Sciences or I am a **declared**\* second major in Spanish.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please enclose all of the following with this application form:***

(Incomplete applications will not be considered):

1. A letter of application, 1-2 pages written in Spanish that addresses the following questions:
  - a. Why did you choose to major (or to second major) in Spanish?
  - b. How would the LINA A. RUIZ Y RUIZ MEMORIAL AWARD help you to continue your studies next year?
  - c. How do you see your studies in Spanish contributing to your goals after graduation?
2. An unofficial copy of your UNM transcript that includes courses in progress Spring 2025.
3. A letter of recommendation from one Spanish professor or instructor. (letter can be included with application or sent to [spanport@unm.edu](mailto:spanport@unm.edu))