

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese Announces the

LINA A. RUIZ Y RUIZ MEMORIAL AWARD 2026

A scholarship of \$1,000 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 2027** and **Spring 2028** 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 **Monday, April 6, 2026**

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

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

Saturday, May 16, 2026

LINA A. RUIZ Y RUIZ MEMORIAL AWARD 2026 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)