

Accelerate Action

International Women's Day

Saturday, March 8, 2025

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS



Apply for a Scholarship!

While we celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women, progress towards gender parity has actually slowed in many places. At the current rate of progress, it will take 134 years, which is roughly five generations from now, to reach full gender parity in 2158, according to data from the World Economic Forum. Urgent concrete action is needed around the world to accelerate gender parity and press forward. **Accelerate Action** calls for increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systemic barriers and biases that women face, both in personal and professional spheres and emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality.

Significant barriers to gender equality remain, yet there continues to be a very strong and growing global movement of advocacy, activism and support. With the right action and support, we remain steadfast that positive progress can be made for women everywhere. Now is not the time for complacency. Let us all join this effort to motivate and unite friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act, and establish gender inclusivity. So, together, let's **#AccelerateAction** and speed up the rate of progress worldwide.

International Women's Day, to be held on March 8, 2025, provides a global opportunity for everyone to acknowledge the strategies, resources and activity that positively impact women's advancement and to support and elevate their implementation and to pledge support to help accelerate gender equality. International Women's Day is not country, group, or organization specific. The day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. And, together, we can do our part to eliminate gender inequality.

To support women in our community, Safe Embrace, Tu Casa Latina, the Domestic Violence Resource Center, and the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra have established the International Women's Day Scholarship Fund. A scholarship of \$500 will be provided to a limited number of high school seniors in our community.

Applicants must be residents of Northern Nevada (including the counties of Washoe, Douglas, Churchill, Storey, Pershing, and Carson City) who identify as women and will be high school seniors as of March 2025.

Recipients must plan to enroll in part-time or full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical/trade school for the upcoming semester.

To apply, please submit a 500-word essay answering the question: *What Does International Women's Day Mean to You?*

Please be sure to include your Name, email address, and phone number with your submission.

***Applications are due no later than Friday, January 31, 2025, and should be sent to outreach@tucasalatina.org.

*** PLEASE NOTE: Those students who are selected as scholarship recipients will be asked to attend our International Women's Day event in Reno on March 8th and to read their essay.

Please address any questions you have to outreach@tucasalatina.org.

Sincerely,

2025 International Women's Day Planning Committee



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