

SERGIO MENDEZ ARCEO SCHOLARSHIP

For the IUSB Summer Program Language, Culture, and Society in Mexico

The Sergio Mendez Arceo Scholarship is provided by UNIVERSAL, Centro de Lengua y Comunicacion Social, in Cuernavaca where IUSB students study in the summer program. Bishop Sergio Mendez Arceo spent 30 years as Bishop in Cuernavaca, Morelos.

SERGIO MENDEZ ARCEO:

The late Monsenor Don Sergio Mendez Arceo was a Mexican Bishop internationally known for his position in favor of the oppressed sectors of Latin American society. He believed that the struggle for human rights and social justice had a place in the Church, and his “communities of solidarity” in Mexico and Central American included the poor and persecuted, dissidents as well as workers and revolutionaries. His support for liberation processes, and his firm commitment to the “Church of the Poor,” provoked criticism from ecclesiastical circles as well as great sympathy in progressive Christian and non-Christian communities. At age 75, Bishop Mendez Arceo was forced to resign from his 50 years of leadership. He symbolizes support for Latin America’s oppressed societies.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible you must be an IUSB student of Mexican heritage and be accepted into the Language, Culture, and Society Program.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

50% of the UNIVERSAL Program Fee

APPLICATION:

- A. Please write a statement of 500-750 words in which you give reasons why you want to participate in the Cuernavaca Program and explain your Mexican heritage.
- B. Make sure your statement is headed with your Name, IU ID#, address, and phone number
- C. Enclose an IUSB transcript
- D. Enclose a copy of your most recent FAFSA student aid report

DEADLINE:

March 1st

CONTACT:

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