



United Teachers Los Angeles

East Area

Announces their



Ruben Salazar Memorial Scholarship Contest 2026

Ruben Salazar was a journalist for the Los Angeles Times. He was killed in 1970 while covering the National Chicano Moratorium Against the War in Vietnam and the ensuing riot throughout the streets of East Los Angeles. In 1971, UTLA's East Area initiated a scholarship fund in his memory. It is now sponsored by UTLA's East Area.

This is the 54th year that UTLA awards scholarships to Graduating Seniors enrolled at any LAUSD High School, Continuation School or High School Completion Program conducted in an LAUSD Community Adult School.

The United Teachers Los Angeles Ruben Salazar Scholarship Committee invites you to apply for an opportunity to win one of Eight- \$750 scholarships or One- \$1500 legacy scholarships. Scholarships will be presented at a Brunch on 4/18/2026. Scholarship applications may be downloaded from the UTLA website: <https://utla.net/resources/salazar-scholarship/>

⚠ Ruben Salazar Scholarship — Video Submissions Required!

Complete an application form and submit a video using your phone (MP4 format preferred), no longer than 5 minutes, that illustrates how Ruben Salazar's legacy impacts your community in 2025–2026. Your video can include:

- 🎧 You reading a reflective essay
- 👉 A poem you wrote
- 🎨 Artwork you created
- 🎬 A short film you produced

Your video must highlight:

- Ruben Salazar's groundbreaking work as a reporter
- His death during the Chicano Moratorium
- How his legacy influences events happening today
- How you are honoring and continuing his fight for justice, truth, and representation

Show us how your voice, your actions, and your dreams carry Ruben Salazar's legacy forward into college and beyond. Your story matters. **Apply today and keep the legacy alive!** 🤝✨

- ***Must be received by 5pm - Friday, February 27, 2026***
- ***via email to ebarrientos@utla.net***