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Adult Scholarship - Enrolled as a full-time student.: Submission #87

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Submission information

Adult Scholarship Application - Enrolled as a full-time student.

Applicant's Contact Information

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Your Email Address

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Additional Information

Guardian's Name (If Applicable)

Jessica Likes

EEA Account Number

24521

Name on EEA Account

Keith D Likes

Relationship to EEA Account Holder

Step Father

Planned Major

Theatre

Year of High School Graduation

2025

Have you previously received a EEA Scholarship? If yes what year(s)

No

Name of Accredited Institution You Will be Attending.

Name and Address of Institution

University of Colorado Boulder
77 UCB
Boulder, Colorado. 80309-0077

What year are you completing?

Freshman

Include the Following

Essay

My name is Cruz Hernandez, and I am writing to express my sincere interest in applying for the Empire Electric Association Scholarship. As a dedicated and passionate student, I am deeply committed to pursuing higher education and advancing my academic and professional goals. Receiving this scholarship would significantly support my educational journey, and I am eager to share my story and how this opportunity would help me achieve my aspirations.

Growing up, I was always an extremely introverted child. That was until my first year of middle school when I auditioned to be in the Fall musical. I hit the ground running with designing sets for the productions there, and later in my middle school career, I got into acting as well. From there I was attached to theatre and the performing arts. I moved on to take leadership positions within my high school drama department while bettering myself as an artist. In high school I was the troupe president for 3 consecutive years, an active member in the improv troupe, and even worked with elementary students by performing the stories they wrote with us. I have developed skills that can crossover to many trades. Some of these are working with sound, lighting, management, creative abilities, and carpentry skills. The program at the high school gave me the skillset to get a job at Four Corners Musical Theatre Company, which is a professional theatre company in Farmington, NM, where I have been their scenic designer for a year and a half.

As I am currently following my passion at the collegiate level, I have been in 3 main stage productions for CU Boulder, and have designed for Sandbox Theatre which is a student led program here.

Looking into the future, I plan to enter the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Design and Technical Management. I will continue to design for theatrical productions as well as learning to design for other art forms. After I graduate, my plan is to get work in the Denver area starting out, then seeing where work takes me!

The Empire Electric Association Scholarship would help me pursue my goal of getting a deeper education so that I can take my skills to the next level. Higher education is a necessity in my eyes, so the support will go a long way.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cruz Hernandez

List school and community honors and activities.

CU Boulder:

- TEDxCU Stage Craft Team Member
- Pride and Prejudice-CU Presents, Deck Crew ('25)
- The Pillowman-Sandbox Theatre, Scenic Designer ('25)
- Mr. Burns a Post Electric Play-CU Presents, Assistant Stage Manager ('26)

-The Prom-CU Presents, Assistant Scenic Designer ('26)

Montezuma Cortez High School:

-Student Representative for Montezuma-Cortez School District

-Drama troupe 2398 President for 3 terms

-School Announcer

-Worked auditorium events through the school year

-Chain crew for football games

-Volunteer at Sunflower Theatre

-President of National Honor Society

-Member of Student Government

-4 year Impulsive Improvisor

Theatre Awards:

-Broadway World New Mexico-Best Scenic Design (The Little Mermaid, '25)

-International Thespian Competitor-Scenic Design (Beauty and the Beast, '25)

Upload Three Reference Letters

- [Letter of Recommendation #1.pdf](#) (53.53 KB)
- [Letter of Recommendation #2.pdf](#) (53.29 KB)
- [Letter of Recommendation #3.pdf](#) (107.38 KB)

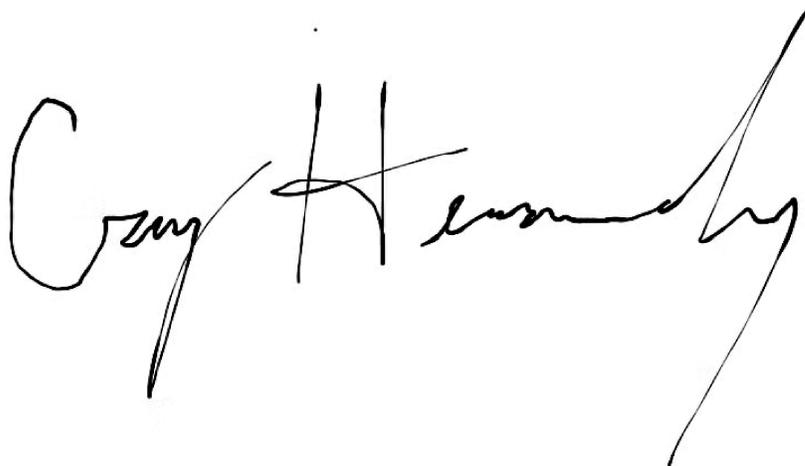
Transcript

[Cruz Hernandez CU Transcript.pdf](#) (3.64 KB)

Submission Date

2026-02-14

Applicant's Signature

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UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

This transcript represents courses taken as part of an undergraduate, graduate, or professional program; it may or may not represent all courses taken at the University of Colorado.

NAME: Hernandez, Cruz Lavin
 STUDENT NR: XXX-XX-4805/111671610 BIRTHDATE : 05/03/XXXX
 PRINT DATE: 02/14/2026

Other Institutions Attended:

SECONDARY SCH : Montezuma-Cortez High School
 GRAD: XX/XXXX
 Cortez CO

HIGHER EDUC. INSTITUTIONS: Western Colorado University
 Gunnison CO 08/23 - 05/24

Pueblo Community College
 Pueblo CO 08/23 - 05/25

Transfer, Test and/or Study Abroad Credit Applied:

Pueblo Community College
 Pueblo CO UGRD SEM TRANSFER CREDIT 35.0

Western Colorado University
 Gunnison CO UGRD SEM TRANSFER CREDIT 6.0

COURSE TITLE	CRSE NR	UNITS	GRADE	PNTS		
Spring 2026 CU Boulder						
College Arts & Sciences UGRD Theatre						
Pueblo Indians Southwest	ANTH 1120	(3.0)	***	0.00		
The Archaeology of Human Hist	ANTH 2200	(3.0)	***	0.00		
Beginning Spanish 1	SPAN 1010	(5.0)	***	0.00		
Acting 1 Introductory Skills	THTR 1003	(3.0)	***	0.00		
Intro to Performance Design	THTR 2105	(3.0)	***	0.00		
Sp Tpc-Thtr Design/Technology Computer-aided Design	THTR 4095	(3.0)	***	0.00		
ATT	20.0	EARNED 0.0	GPAHRS 0.0	GPAPTS 0.00	GPA 0.000	
CUMULATIVE CREDITS :						
	TR	CU	TOT	QUAL	QUAL	GPA
UGRD	UNITS 41.0	UNITS 17.0	UNITS 58.0	UNITS 16.0	PTS 63.10	3.944
***** END OF ACADEMIC RECORD *****						

COURSE TITLE	CRSE NR	UNITS	GRADE	PNTS	
Fall 2025 CU Boulder					
College Arts & Sciences UGRD Theatre					
Create Sustainable Future	BAKR 1600	3.0	A-	11.10	
Trash and Treasure Arts & Sciences Honors Course	CLAS 1509	3.0	A	12.00	
Exploring Earth GT-SC2 -Natural & Physicl Sci:Lec Crse w/o Req Lab	GEOL 1010	3.0	A	12.00	
Intro to Geology Lab 1 GT-SC1 - Natural & Physcal Sci:Lec Crse w/ Req Lab	GEOL 1030	1.0	A	4.00	
Script Lab: Text Analysis	THTR 1019	3.0	A	12.00	
Intro to Stagecraft and Design	THTR 1050	3.0	A	12.00	
Production Practicum Run Crew	THTR 3035	1.0	S	0.00	
ATT	17.0	EARNED 17.0	GPAHRS 16.0	GPAPTS 63.10	GPA 3.944

Dean's List

November 14, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Cruz Hernandez. As the director of the Theatre Department at Montezuma-Cortez High School, I have worked with Cruz in after-school productions and in class over the last four years, and I have not only found him to be a strong and self-motivated leader, but also a wonderful friend. I have no doubt that he will go very far in whatever he chooses to do.

Being a part of a dramatic production takes a great deal of time commitment, teamwork, and creativity – all of these are traits displayed at the highest level by Cruz. Over his four years at M-CHS, he has worked as both an actor and a technician, and he always puts his absolute best into whatever role he is playing. He is an amazing designer and stage manager and a charismatic actor, and he is kind and supportive of everyone around him, which has made him a huge asset to the department.

I have also had the privilege of having Cruz in several of my theatre classes over the years, and his hard work and dedication to his craft are evident in the classroom, as well. In my intro class, Cruz offered mentoring assistance to a Down's Syndrome student, helping him with his projects and supporting him during class. In addition, Cruz would also complete his own projects to a very high level of quality, which often required him to work outside of class. This year I have Cruz in my advanced class, and he's taking advantage of the opportunity to grow his design skills through the projects we're doing.

Cruz has been a consistent help with building sets for our shows over the past four years, and he is a skilled builder. His attention to detail and high standard of quality make him one of the few students I can turn a team of student builders and a project over to and know that it will be done correctly. Cruz also has a great artistic eye for design. He has designed several of our sets and numerous props, and he not only understands the aesthetics of design but also how to construct the designs. This year, he submitted set designs to a professional theatre company in a neighboring town, and he was hired to design sets for several of their shows.

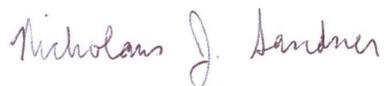
Cruz has been a stage manager for several of my shows, beginning as a sophomore, and he has served as president of our troupe for the last three years. His leadership skills are evident through the way he talks to people and his willingness to do whatever needs to be done. He organizes meals brought by parents during tech rehearsals, he runs errands, and he cleans and organizes areas to get them ready for a show - if there is anything that needs to be done, Cruz will do it, and he'll do it with quality. I know I can count on him for anything.

Each year we have a series of touring concerts that come through our venue, and Cruz always volunteers to help run tech for those shows. He knows how to set up and take down sound and lighting equipment, and he often receives compliments from the performers and the touring sound technicians about his professionalism. Cruz's wide skill set and strong work ethic will open many career opportunities to him.

November 14, 2024

Cruz is a pleasure to have around. He is polite and relates well to adults, and he is very well liked by his peers. He is the sort of person every teacher wants to have around. He is self-motivated, hard-working, extremely creative, and he is quick to help whenever help is needed, even if it is an inconvenience to himself. I always know I can count on Cruz. I have no doubt that Cruz will achieve great things in his life, and I wish him the very best. If you have any questions about Cruz, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas J. Sandner". The ink is a reddish-brown color.

Nicholaus Sandner
Montezuma-Cortez High School Theatre Department
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April 01, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Cruz Hernandez, who is applying for this Scholarship. I have had the pleasure of knowing Cruz for the past 3 years but most currently as his employer at Cold Stone Creamery for the last year and half. Cruz has been promoted from shift lead to store assistant manager in the time that I have owned Cold Stone Creamery. In this time, I have witnessed Cruz's remarkable work dedication, outstanding character, and passion for doing everything he does.

While working for me as an assistant manager, Cruz has consistently demonstrated exceptional time management skills, an eagerness to learn, and a remarkable ability to balance academic responsibilities with professional obligations. He approaches tasks with enthusiasm and attention to detail, often going above and beyond what is required. His initiative, responsibility, and reliability have made him an invaluable member of our team.

Cruz stands out not only for his amazing work capabilities but also for his deep commitment to personal growth and community involvement. He consistently demonstrates an eagerness to learn, asking insightful questions and engaging with challenging material. His work achievements reflect a natural ability to excel, but it is his work ethic and determination that truly set him apart.

Beyond working for me, Cruz is involved in High School theater. He has contributed to numerous high school theater productions, showing leadership, collaboration, and a commitment to making a positive impact on others. His ability to balance these responsibilities with his academic workload speaks volumes about his time management skills and dedication.

I am confident that Cruz will continue to thrive and make meaningful contributions wherever he goes. He possesses the qualities of a strong scholar, a compassionate individual, and a future leader in his field. I wholeheartedly recommend him for this Scholarship, and I have no doubt that he will honor this scholarship with hard work and dedication.

Please feel free to contact me at 801-669-6028 or via email at katiecshepard@gmail.com if you need any further information.

Thank You,

Katie Shepard

Owner/Operator of the Cortez Cold Stone Creamery

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MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL

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February 5, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Cruz Hernandez. As the Principal at Montezuma-Cortez High School, I have had the pleasure of knowing Cruz for the past three years and have been consistently impressed by his academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, and commitment to excellence.

Cruz is an exceptional student who stands out not only for his remarkable academic record but also for his active involvement in various programs and clubs. With a cumulative GPA of 4.0, he is currently ranked 18th in a class of 133 students. This achievement is a testament to his dedication, discipline, and intellectual curiosity.

In addition to his academic prowess, Cruz is deeply engaged in the dramatic arts and set design. His talent was recently recognized at the state competition, where he placed for his outstanding set designs. This accomplishment has earned him the opportunity to compete at the national level in the spring, further showcasing his skills and passion for the arts. Cruz has also lent his expertise to local professional theater groups, assisting them with set designs, which reflects his collaborative spirit and commitment to the community.

Moreover, Cruz serves as our school board representative, where he articulates the views and concerns of his peers and the student body of M-CHS. This role speaks volumes about his leadership abilities and his dedication to making a positive impact within our school community. His capacity to represent his fellow students with poise and confidence is commendable.

Cruz is a dedicated individual who gives 100% in every endeavor. His work ethic, coupled with his talent and leadership, make him an exemplary candidate for any role he seeks. I have no doubt that he will thrive in his next pursuits and continue to make significant contributions to the academic and extracurricular landscape.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Cruz Hernandez. He embodies the qualities of a bright, driven, and compassionate student who is poised to excel in his future endeavors. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Boniface
Principal
Montezuma-Cortez High School

Dr. Jennifer Boniface, Principal

**Mrs. Erin Schmitt, Assistant Principal ~ Mr. Brandon Thurston, Assistant Principal ~Mr. Colton Trosclair,
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