

LA UNIDAD LATINA FOUNDATION

2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Spring deadline: February 15, 2009
Fall deadline: October 15, 2009

Completed applications and supporting
Materials should be mailed to:
La Unidad Latina Foundation
51-36 30th Avenue, Suite 5H
Woodside, NY 11377

LA UNIDAD LATINA FOUNDATION, INC., a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1999, exists to:

- Award scholarship grants to worthy and needy students for the pursuit of higher education.
- Support and encourage participation in educational programs and activities.
- Support community programs which aid in the civic empowerment and educational improvement of the Latino community.

Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to undergraduate four-year college, and graduate students of Hispanic background who meet the following criteria and abide by the following requirements.

Application Criteria

- Undergraduate applicants should have a cumulative GPA above 2.80 out of a 4.0 GPA Scale. Cumulative GPAs below 2.80, do not qualify for a scholarship.
- Currently enrolled in an eligible bachelor's or master's degree program at an accredited four-year college or university. Eligible Degrees: all Bachelor degrees and Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Administration/Policy, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, and Master of Divinity.
- Completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate applicants, and at least one full-time semester of study for graduate applicants.
- Must reside in the United States.

Required Documentation

- Official university-issued academic transcript(s) required and included in application. Graduate students required to submit graduate and undergraduate transcripts.
- Letter of recommendation from university administrator/faculty or community leader demonstrating student leadership and commitment to civic service. (200-350 words)

Application Submission Requirements

- Applications are only accepted within the 45-day period prior to the deadline. That is, as of January 1st for the February 15th deadline, and September 1st for the October 15th deadline.
- Applications must be postmarked by the deadline.
- Do not send applications by registered mail or other delivery service (Fed Ex, UPS, USPS Express Mail, Airborne Express) requiring a signature, as we are sometimes unavailable to sign for deliveries.

**SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT FIT ALL OF THE
CRITERIA OR DO NOT MEET THE ABOVE MENTIONED
REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED.**

La Unidad Latina Foundation is unequivocally committed to equal opportunity. Therefore, La Unidad Latina Foundation does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of gender, race, national origin, disability, age, color, creed, or sexual orientation.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART I

Please Provide The Following Information-- Applicants must print clearly or type all answers on a separate sheet of paper.

A. Name: _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

B. Gender: M F (circle one)

C. Student Address & Telephone:

(____) ____ - ____

D. Permanent Address & Telephone:

(____) ____ - ____

E. E-mail Address: _____

F. Hispanic Heritage: Cuban Mexican
Dominican Puerto Rican
South American Please specify nationality:

Central American Please specify nationality:

G. Current College/University: _____

H. Major(s): _____

Minor/
Concentration: _____

I. Current Overall GPA: _____
(Indicate scale, i.e. 2.9/4.0, 3.3/4.3)

J. Expected Date of Graduation or Completion of Degree: _____

K. Degree to be awarded: _____ L. Prior Degree(s) received: _____

M. Are you a member of a Latino fraternity or sorority? _____

Name of
Fraternity/Sorority: _____

PART II

Please answer the following with as much detail as possible. Questions that are unanswered or do not meet the word count requirement will result in application disqualification.

Please type your answers to each question on a separate sheet using size 12 font.

- A. What is your financial need for this scholarship for educational purposes?
(75-125 words)
Include a listing of semester expense items with amounts (tuition, board, books etc.) and financial assistance items with amounts (loans, family contribution, work study, other scholarships, etc.).
- B. What are your academic plans and career goals?
(200-300 words)
- C. Describe an instance when you have demonstrated exceptional leadership during your college/graduate experience.
(200-350 words)
- D. What impact have you had or plan to have on improving or supporting your Latino/Hispanic community? (150-300 words)
- E. Please list any extracurricular activities that you have been or are currently involved with during your college/graduate experience, including leadership positions; as well as any honors or awards you have received during your college/graduate experience.
- F. Please list any special interest or hobbies.

PART III

Please include an official university-issued copy of your transcript with the application packet. Graduate student applicants are required to submit graduate and undergraduate transcripts. Transcripts received separately will disqualify your application.

Please provide a letter of recommendation (200-350 words) with the application packet from a university administrator/faculty member or community leader that can attest to your leadership, commitment to the Latino community, and future plans.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all the information provided in the application submitted to La Unidad Latina Foundation for scholarship consideration is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge (You must certify to ensure consideration of application).

Signature

Date