



2019-2020

- Deadline for receipt of Completed Applications is a postmark date of **March 30th, 2019.**

The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc. Application Checklist

The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc., was founded in 1994 by a group concerned that less than 20 percent of Danbury High School's Latino graduates were going on to higher education. That was the lowest percentage of any ethnic group within the graduating class. To date the Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc. has raised and awarded more than \$800,000 in scholarship money to more than 500 Latino high school graduates throughout the Greater Danbury area,

Application for this scholarship is open to Latino high school seniors attending high schools or residing in Fairfield County Connecticut or the Town of New Milford, Connecticut. As a matter of policy, a "Latino" shall be defined as any person at least one of whose parents and/or grandparents were born in any of the recognized Spanish speaking countries.

Requirements:

1. An applicant is a senior in high school with anticipated graduation from an accredited high school.
2. Applicant shall anticipate enrollment in a U.S. college or university.
3. Applicant will be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA).
4. Applicant will fill out the enclosed application form.
5. Applicant must include copies of the following:
 - a. IRS 1040 Forms (First 2 Pages only), for mother, father, guardian, step-mother, step-father, self, etc.
 - b. Transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable, **minimum GPA of 3.0**)
 - c. 2 Letters of Recommendation from non-family members (examples: Employer, Teachers, Clergy, etc.)
 - d. Essay

Applicants will be evaluated by the Selection Committee and interviews are required for selected participants.

You will receive an e-mail to move forward with an interview. Interviews will be held at the Western Connecticut State University's Midtown Campus 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810

If you have any questions please e-mail apply@latinoscholarshipfund.com

Good luck!

Criteria for awards are determined based upon Interview, Financial Need, Character, Integrity and Involvement in the Community. The number of awards shall be determined based upon relative need and the availability of funds. The Selection Committee's decision shall be final.

Completed applications should be returned to:

**The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 3355
Danbury, CT 06813**

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc.



APPLICATION - Postmark Date by March 30th, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ SS#: _____

Personal E-mail: _____

High School: _____ Class Rank/Percentile: _____

For Selection Committee Use Only

Application: Completed _____

Deficiencies _____

Letters of Recommendation:

1. _____ 2. _____

Transcripts Received: _____

Financial Info Received: _____

Interview Date: _____

Notes: _____

Award Determination: _____

Family Information

Mother/Guardian: _____ Birth Place: _____

Father/Guardian: _____ Birth Place: _____

Mother's email: _____ Father's email: _____

Maternal Grandmother Birth Place: _____ Paternal Grandmother Birth Place: _____

Maternal Grandfather Birth Place: _____ Paternal Grandfather Birth Place: _____

Universities to which you have applied or have been accepted:

| Name of College or University | Status of Application | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| | Accepted | Not Accepted | Pending |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |

Have you decided where you will attend: (circle one) YES NO

Name of Institution: _____

Annual Tuition: \$ _____ Room & Board: \$ _____

Field/Occupation of Interest: _____

Offering Scholarship (circle one) YES NO How Much? _____

Financial Information

Please indicate household income (include all working members): \$ _____

Declined (Check here if you do NOT want to provide household income.*)

Financial need is an important consideration when evaluating applications. **It is required to include tax returns for both parents/legal guardians. The applicant is required to provide **signed** proof of income (first and second page of IRS Form 1040). If you choose to decline to provide proof of income (please check the box), then we will assume that the student has no financial need and the application will be scored accordingly.*

| Name of Individuals Living in Home | Age | Relationship to Student |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
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Documentation to Submit with Application

- Transcripts:** High School transcript (unofficial transcripts accepted).
- Essay:** Please submit a 1-2 page, typed, double spaced essay describing your personal history and how your future plans will help strengthen the Latino community.
- Letters of recommendation:** Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be from non-family members (examples: Employer, Teachers, Clergy, etc.)
- Most recently filed 1040 Federal Tax returns:** for all parents/legal guardians of applicant.
- Personal Information- List Relevant Experiences during Your High School Career (Grades 9-12)**
 1. List any school organization/clubs, athletic teams, societies, etc. of which you were a member and dates of involvement
 2. List any honors or awards you have received and dates which they were received
 3. List any non-school organizations or groups to which you have belonged (include volunteer and community service work) and dates of involvement
 4. List any working experience, duration of employment and average weekly hours

Please Note- only selected students will be invited for an interview. You will be contacted by a member of the selection committee by e-mail if chosen.

Please email apply@latinoscholarshipfund.com with any questions.

Acknowledgement

By signing this application we affirm that the information provided to The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc. is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

By checking this box, we authorize The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc. to use the applicant's essay and photographs (if available) to further promote its fundraising efforts. This includes, but is not limited to, internal materials, brochures, print media, and the Internet. Material use is at the total discretion of The Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Student:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Date

Parent/Guardian:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Date

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