



The Culturally Integrated Education for Latinos Organization
VICTOR A. AND DAISY A. JUAREZ
LATINO SCHOLARSHIP FUND
APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Culturally Integrated Education for Latinos Organization will award at least three (3) \$2000 scholarships as part of the Victor A. and Daisy A. Juarez Latino Scholarship Fund. The successful applicant may use these funds for whatever education related expenses deemed appropriate by the educational institution they attend. Funds are paid to the school in the student's name.

Letters announcing the award or denial of a scholarship will be postmarked by August 16th each year to each applicant at the address listed on their application. All decisions by the Executive Board concerning application acceptance, rejection, award or the dollar amounts of the scholarships are final.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be of Latino Background (one parent must be full Latino or both parents must be at least half)
- Minimum un-weighted grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale
- Currently enrolled in or accepted to attend an accredited university, college, or trade school
- The main campus of the educational institution must be located in Sangamon County, Illinois, or applicant must be a member of CIELO and live within 60 miles of the city of Springfield, IL
- All application materials must be typed or legibly written in English
- Each person is eligible to receive a scholarship from this program only once in a lifetime

SELECTION: - Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 20% on perceived financial need
- 20% on academic achievement and an academic letter of recommendation
- 20% on applicant's personal essay
- 20% reported community involvement and/or extracurricular activities and letter of recommendation from teacher, clergy, or adult club leader on these activities
- 20% is based on any special circumstances of the applicant as perceived by individual members of the application review committee

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

- A complete and signed application (This application form may be photocopied)
- A copy of your transcripts
- A letter of academic recommendation on official letterhead
- A personal essay
- A list of your community, civic, and/or athletic activities, and
- A letter of recommendation on these activities

POSTMARK APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications postmarked after **May 15**, or received after May 20, each year will not be accepted; no extension will be granted. **Mail your application to VA&DAJ Latino Scholarship Fund, 1010 Mesa Dr., Chatham, IL, 62629.**

An electronic copy of this application is available from www.elcielo.us/scholarships.html



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Personal Identification:

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Please provide a phone number where we can contact you, if needed, during the months of June/July/August

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email Address (if available): _____

Ethnic Background: Please Indicate Your Ethnic Background

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican | <input type="checkbox"/> Central American (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican American | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> South American (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish European | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Latino (specify) _____ |

Of the ethnic background(s) checked above, you are at least what percent Latino?

_____ 25% _____ 50% _____ 75% _____ 100%

Father's Name: _____ % Latino

Mother's Name: _____ % Latino

Education:

Students Currently Attending Senior Year of High School, Completing GED, or Recently Graduated from High School Only:

High School District: _____

Principal's Name: _____ School Phone Number: ____-____-____

School Address: _____

School City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____ Grade: _____ Expected Graduation/Certificate Date: ____/____/____

All Applicants:

Currently attending high school, university, college, or post-secondary school: YES / NO

If yes, name of school: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ (on a 4.00 scale)

Name of school you plan to attend: _____

(Note: If you are awarded a scholarship, this is the school to whom those funds will be directed in your name.)

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

What type of school is this (check one)? ____2-Year ____4-Year ____Post-Graduate Program

____Post-Secondary/Trade or Technical School Other (please specify) _____

Are you currently enrolled as a student at this school? YES / NO

If yes, what year are you currently enrolled (check one)? ____ Freshman ____Sophomore ____Junior ____Senior

____ Post Graduate Program ____ Certification Program Other (please specify) _____

If no, have you applied for admission: YES / NO If yes, for what semester/term?

_____ Have you been accepted? YES / NO Degree/Certification you plan to achieve: _____

If your plans are to attend a post-secondary school, will you be a full-time student both Fall and Spring semesters? YES / NO

Please list any academic honors you have received:

Financial Aid:

What percentage of your educational expenses in the next year will be funded by each of the following sources?

_____% Family _____% Your Personal Savings _____% Your Employment While Attending School
_____% Loans _____% Other Scholarships/Grants _____% Other (specify): _____

If you believe you have some extenuating circumstance(s) that impacts your ability to fund your education that you want the application evaluation committee to consider, please include a separate statement describing those circumstances and how they will impact the funding of your education.

Academic Achievement:

- **Transcripts:** Have you included a copy of your transcripts with this application? **YES / NO**
 - NOTE: Failing to provide copies of your transcripts will result in the disqualification of your application. If you can justify why you are unable to provide copies of your transcripts (e.g. school does not issue grades), please provide a written explanation. The evaluation committee may consider your explanation and stated GPA in lieu of actual copies of your transcripts.
- **Academic Letter of Recommendation:** Please include a letter of academic recommendation from a school official that is written on their official school letterhead. Please have him/her comment on your recent performance and factors indicating your potential for future success at the level of work required at a university, college, or any post-secondary school.

Community Service and Other Activities:

- **Community, Civic, and/or Athletic Activities Letter of Recommendation:** Please include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, clergy, or adult club leader describing your community, civic, and/or athletic activities. The person writing the letter should include his/her mailing address and telephone number in the letter or write the letter on official letterhead.
- **List of Activities:** Please provide a list of your involvement in any community, civic and athletic activities. Involvement in your community is highly valued by the review committee so explain fully.

Letters of Recommendation: The academic and community, civic, and/or athletic activities letters of recommendation contribute significantly to the application's assessment and final rating. The evaluation committee requires separate letters of recommendation to meet these two requirements.

Personal Essay: Please submit with your completed application a typed essay in English of 300 words or less in which you describe "What does it mean to you to be a Latino/Latina in the United States today?" Be concise and incorporate your own personal experiences in developing your response. Comment on how this scholarship would affect you personally. Evaluation will include proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Other Information: How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

Application Material: All scholarship applications and supporting materials submitted will remain the property of CIELO – Culturally Integrated Education for Latinos Organization and will not be returned to the applicant.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that all the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize CIELO – Culturally Integrated Education for Latinos Organization - to utilize any information which I have submitted as part of this application. I understand that all funds awarded from the Victor A. and Daisy A. Juarez Latino Scholarship Fund will be used solely for the purpose of educational needs consistent with the school's general requirements for financial aid. I understand that if I use the scholarship funds for any other purpose other than stated herein, or if the information I have submitted is found to be untrue or inaccurate, I will forfeit all funds awarded to me and agree to return the full amount of the funds received to-date to CIELO, Inc.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that I understand and agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, by accepting the scholarship I am giving permission for CIELO, Inc. to use any information I have provided in the application, as well as photographs from the scholarship award event, for the purposes of publicizing the scholarship program.

If I have submitted information in the application that I would prefer not be used for publicizing the scholarship program, I understand that I must include a statement with this application specifically detailing what information I do not wish to be used.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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If you have questions, please send them to scholarships@elcielo.us or call 217-502-2560 (Felix Cabrera).