

Deadline to submit completed scholarship application components:

Friday, June 16, 2017

Scholarship Application Components Required

- A) Background information cover sheet for 2017-2018 Scholarship - fillable PDF
- B) TWO letters of recommendation
 - Letters can be written by a teacher, mentor, supervisor, co-worker, or community leader
 - These letters should attest to your character and why you should be selected for a scholarship
- C) Proof of acceptance into the college or university you plan to attend – OR – proof of current enrollment (please scan document)
- D) Transcript from your current or most recent institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (please scan document)
- E) Written essay (**600 words or less**) responding to the following questions, please submit as a Word doc or pdf
 - Describe your involvement during the last three years with school activities, volunteer activities, or activities within the Latino community specifically Latinos Unidos events
 - ✓ Be specific about your level of involvement
 - ✓ Include the names of these organizations
 - ✓ Include the dates of participation
 - Tell us about your leadership roles at home, school, work or in the community
 - **Tell us how your Latino background plays a role in your success**
 - How will this award help you to fund your education? Please explain your financial situation
 - What are your career goals and education plans for the future?
 - Please include any other information that is important for this scholarship application

All components of this application should be completed and sent as one email to latinosunidos@gmail.com with "Completed Scholarship Application" in the subject line. All necessary components of this application should be uploaded as attachments on this email. **You are responsible for ensuring that all necessary documents are submitted. Follow-up emails asking for missing documents will not be sent.**

All scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of August 2017. Scholarship recipients are required to attend the award ceremony held in Des Moines on September 9, 2017 in order to receive their scholarship.

Background Information for 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Scholarship

Current Educational Information:

What year did you graduate from high school? _____ What was your GPA? _____

Are you in college? If yes, what year did you complete in the 2016 – 2017 academic year?

College GPA for academic year 2016-2017? Number of credits completed _____

What year will you be in for the 2017 – 2018 academic year? _____

Personal Background:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Cell Phone _____ Ok to text? _____

Country of origin? _____

Financial Information:

Do you currently receive financial aid? Yes ___ No ___

Have you applied for financial aid for next fall? Yes ___ No ___

If you are a recipient of financial aid, please provide a copy of your current award and attach to this application.

Educational Objective:

Major _____ Minor _____

Intended Graduation Year _____

2017- 2018 Academic Information (fill in all necessary fields)

What school will you be attending? _____

How many semester hours will you be taking 1st semester? _____

How many semester hours will you be taking 2nd semester? _____

Scholarship is earmarked for a 4 year degree ___ 2 year degree ___ graduate school ___

By completing this application you agree to provide additional information to Latinos Unidos as needed. This includes current contact information and ongoing academic information.

I _____ certify that the information herein provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

2017 – 2018 Scholarship Application

Latinos Unidos of Iowa, Inc. is proud to grant scholarships for Latino students who will attend Iowa institutions of higher education.

An important criteria in evaluating application is the applicant's participation in community service. Those applicants who live in the Des Moines area should actively participate in activities sponsored by Latinos Unidos of Iowa.

Please contact Lena Avila-Robison, the President and Founder of Latinos Unidos of Iowa, at iowalatina12@live.com for information about upcoming Latinos Unidos of Iowa events or access our website at www.latinosunidosofiowa.org. Those living outside of Des Moines should become actively involved with other Latino based organizations. We value community service and as such applicants receive points for volunteering at Latinos Unidos events. These points are added to their total scholarship points to determine a potential scholarship award.

Scholarship Judges:

- **Ewa Pratt**, DMACC Professor Emeritus, Latinos Unidos of Iowa, Inc.
- **Jennifer Nostrala**, Simpson College Theatre Professor
- **Oscar Reynaga**, Central College Modern Languages Associate Professor

The scholarship award is issued in the name of the recipient and the intended college or university. Part-time students (as defined by their school of choice) will receive a maximum of \$500 for the academic year, a full-time student (as defined by their school of choice) will receive a maximum of \$1000 for the academic year. **The scholarship is awarded in two distributions, half is distributed for the fall 2017 semester and the remaining half will be distributed for the spring 2018 semester.** The purpose of the scholarship is to help students to responsibly pay for the finances of their education. **A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required in order to apply.**

Recipients will be notified by the end of August if they are selected to receive a scholarship award. All recipients will be required to attend the award ceremony that is scheduled to be held September 9th, 2017 in Des Moines, Iowa. Additional details on the ceremony will be available on our website.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be required to contact Margo Kromminga, Scholarship Chair, if there are any changes to your contact information or academic status. You can report those changes by emailing Margo at mkromminga@q.com