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February 5, 2013

Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from you of qualified individuals to be recognized at our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Bond Ballroom in Hartford, Connecticut. ***We are delighted to announce that as of 2013, we will be accepting applications from DREAMers.***

In an effort to continue recognizing academic excellence among Hispanic students, community and organizational leaders statewide, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable candidates for the annual awards in the following categories:

- ***Latino Citizens of the Year;***
- ***Promesa Youth Scholarship Award for High School Seniors and College students; and,***
- ***Community Service Award (Presented to an Organization)***

The awards are designed to recognize Hispanic men and women and one Hispanic organization in the state that have made significant contributions to our community. Last year, we received numerous submissions for outstanding individuals; ***if your nominee was not selected for award, please do not hesitate to re-submit their name for consideration this year.***

Enclosed please find the criteria, nomination form and scholarship application for use in making your nominations for award consideration. Please submit names for those who meet the criteria outlined. ***It is imperative that the nomination be submitted in its entirety as we will not accept an incomplete submission.*** The deadline for submission of nominations is ***Friday, June 21, 2013*** ***It is vital that you act on your nomination as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended. Therefore, please*** submit your nomination(s) by the stated deadline.

Thank you for your participation and feel free to contact me at 860-240-8330 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

***Isaias Diaz***

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Chairman

Enclosures

cc: Special Projects Committee Members  
Werner Oyanadel, Acting Executive Director

"DREAMers" is named after the DREAM Act that failed to pass congress in 2010 which was proposed as a way for young immigrants without immigration papers to gain legal status if they pursue college among other requirements.



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Latino/a Citizen of the Year  
Promesa Youth Award - Male & Female  
Community Service Award

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### **Category I - The Latino/a Citizen of the Year Award**

Individuals must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the advancement, promotion and development of the cultural, social, economic and political welfare of the Latino community in Connecticut;
- Be at least 25 years of age;
- Be a resident of Connecticut; and,
- Be Latino/a or a non-Latino/a providing significant contributions to the Latino community.

### **Category II - The Promesa Scholarship Award for Youth - Male & Female**

Individuals must: (Several scholarships to be awarded of at least \$1000 per student.)

Application is attached. **Please highlight your current community work.**

- *Be of Latino Heritage* - *Be a Connecticut Resident*
- *Have at least a 2.80 GPA* - *Be a HS Senior or College student*
- *Submit an essay no longer than 1500 words on the following topics:*
  - 1) *What are your future endeavors after college in order to contribute to the Hispanic community? OR*
  - 2) *Name one or more leaders in the Hispanic Community at the local or national level that have contributed to the cultural, social, economic and political life in the United States*
  - 3) *College acceptance letter & High School transcripts are required with application **FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY.***
- *Name three (3) people that you admire and why*
- *Name all the organizations and/or boards you have belonged to and community work that you have done in the past.*
- *Please submit 2 letters of recommendation - One from a teacher and one from your Guidance Counselor.*

### **Category III - The Community Service Award (Organizations Only)**

Organization must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the Latino community it serves;
- Have Latinos as its primary target population for its services and/or specific project;
- Have a significant representation of Latinos in its staff and Board of Directors; and,
- Serve Latinos in Connecticut.

**Deadline** for submitting nominations: **Friday, June 21, 2013**

***Please be aware that your financial aid may be reduced by amount awarded to you by your college/university once you are selected by us.***

**IMPORTANT:** Nominations must be received by the DUE date. Late submissions will NOT BE accepted. Incomplete submissions will NOT BE accepted.



# Nomination Form

(Continued)

Please provide information about yourself:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Person Making the Nomination*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Today's Date*

Please check:

- ( ) I have included two letters of support for each nomination made. \*  
( ) You may contact me for additional information.

*\*If you nominate, you cannot provide a letter of support. They must come from two individuals other than yourself.*

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Please send completed form with two letters of support to:

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Thank you for taking the time to celebrate the accomplishments of the members of the Latino and Puerto Rican community in Connecticut.

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**NOTE: Family members of Commissioners and Staff are not eligible. Commissioners and staff cannot nominate or provide letters of support. Anyone related to a public official or whose family works for a public official is not eligible to apply for the scholarship.**



