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January 17, 2014

Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting your assistance in distributing our 2014 scholarship application information to qualified students wishing to participate in our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Awards. The Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2014 will be held at Fantasia located in North Haven, Connecticut.

In an effort to continue recognizing academic excellence among Hispanic students, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable candidates for the annual scholarship awards in the following category:

- ***Promesa Youth Scholarship Award for High School Seniors and College students thru Junior Year of College***

***If you are a college student who applied last year but was not awarded, feel free to re-apply for this year if you are not yet a College senior.***

Enclosed please find the checklist and student application form and affidavit for use in applying for consideration of award. ***It is imperative that the application be submitted in its entirety as we will not accept an incomplete submission.*** The deadline for submission of applications is ***Friday, June 27, 2014.*** ***Packages postmarked Friday, June 27, 2014 will also be accepted. It is vital that you act on your application as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended. Therefore, please*** submit your application by the stated deadline.

Thank you for your continued support and feel free to contact us at 860-240-8330 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

***Richard A. Cruz***

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Enclosures

cc: Special Projects Committee Members  
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## Student Application - CHECKLIST

**Promesa Scholarship Award for Youth - Male & Female**  
(Several scholarships to be awarded of at least \$1000 per student.)

Application is attached.

Individuals must:

- 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 2 double-spaced pages on the following topic: (Select One)
  - 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
- 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.

For this package to be considered complete, the following items must accompany it:

- 1) Student Applicant must submit a letter to the LPRAC to inform how funds will be used towards college education;
- 2) The two letters of support;
- 3) Your essay; no more than 2 double-spaced pages on your selected topic.
- 4) Your College Letter of Acceptance; **High School Seniors Only**
- 5) Your High School Transcripts; **High School Seniors Only\***
- 6) **Parental 2012 or 2013 Tax Returns and yours, if applicable; (students whose parents do not file tax returns may submit a w-2 or signed and notarized form confirming household income-attached) and**
- 7) The completed application by the deadline below. Documents received postmarked June 27, 2014 will also be accepted.

Your package will be accepted so long as it is mailed, walked in by you (or a representative) or faxed in by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 27, 2014.

Please submit 2 letters of recommendation - One from a teacher or any one of your volunteer organization(s) and one from your Guidance Counselor **or in the case of a college student - your Advisor.**

**Submission Deadline: FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014**

If you are awarded a scholarship, the funds provided are to be used **solely** for higher education expenses such as: tuition, books, electronic hardware/software and housing. **\*See attached IRS Language**

**\*College Students - Please submit your Spring 2014 grades report.**



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## Student Scholarship Application

Application # \_\_\_\_\_

**For Scholarship Award Committee Use**

Complete \_\_\_\_\_ Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of Recommendation Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Transcript: Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Financial Info Included Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Review Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Awarded: Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Hispanic Heritage:* \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

*\*This program is "needs based". If you qualify for FASFA financial aid, you are eligible to apply for this program.*

*\*\*Parental 2012 or 2013 Tax Return is required.*

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

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

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Letters of Recommendation Enclosed Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

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

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

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Student GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CT Resident Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

**High School Seniors and College Students - Submit an essay on a separate sheet no longer than 2 double-spaced pages on the following topic (select one):**

- A) What are your future endeavors after college in order to contribute to the Hispanic community? **OR**
- B) Name one or more leaders of Latino heritage *who* have contributed to cultural, social, economic and political life that you consider your hero or role model.

Name all of the organizations and/or boards you have been involved with and any community work that you have done in the past.

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List any honors or awards you have received:

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List any organizations or groups to which you have belonged:

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List any work experience and total hours you work:

Financial Information:

Please indicate family income (include all funds received in household) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Declined

Financial need will be a major emphasis of the application review. The applicant is required to provide proof of income ideally the first and second page of IRS Form 1040 or W-4s. If family does not file a tax return then acceptable proof would be W-2s from the employer or an affidavit (form attached) signed by the student and parent. If you opt to decline submission of proof of income, please check the box above-we will assume that the student has no financial need and the application will be rated accordingly.

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

**NOTE: Family members of Commissioners and Staff are not eligible. Commissioners and staff cannot 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.**

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*Student Signature*

*For this package to be considered complete, the following items must accompany it:*

- 1) *Student applicant must agree to inform us as to how scholarship funds will be used once received.*
- 2) *Two letters of Recommendation - from a teacher, counselor, college advisor or community organization mentor.*
- 3) *Your essay; - No more than 2 double-spaced pages on selected topic.*
- 4) *Your College Letter of Acceptance; **High School Seniors Only***
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**Scholarship Awards Program**  
**Financial Affidavit**

We, the undersigned, student and parent(s) do hereby affirm that our annual income for \_\_\_\_\_(year) was \$\_\_\_\_\_ (amount).

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Applicant's Signature**

**Acknowledgment for Individual**

State of Connecticut

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of notary), personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person(s) whose name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ( is or are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that \_\_\_\_\_ (he/she/they) executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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

My Commission Expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_