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January 22, 2015

Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from you of qualified students who are about to or have received their GED to receive scholarship awards at our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Amarante's Sea Cliff.

In an effort to respond to a request for support of alternate means of pursuing higher education, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable GED candidates for the annual scholarship awards in the following category:

- ***GED Scholarship Award for adults pursuing an alternate route to higher education***

Enclosed please find the GED student application form for use in making application for scholarship award consideration. Please carefully review the criteria for application and submit all of the requested information. ***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 26, 2015.*** ***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 participation and feel free to contact us at 860-240-8330 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Richard A. Cruz*

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Chairman

Enclosures

cc: Special Projects Committee Members  
Werner Oyanadel, Executive Director



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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 2013 or 2014 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) \*The signed affidavit is only submitted if you do not have tax returns or w-2 forms for financials;**
- 7) The completed application by the deadline below. Documents received postmarked June 26, 2015 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 26, 2015.

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 26, 2015**

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 2015 grades report.**



# Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission

## Student Scholarship Application

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

**For Scholarship Award Committee Use**

Completed \_\_\_\_\_ 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 or your 2013 or 2014 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 (choose 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 is what our application 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 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: Nominations must be received by the DUE date. Late submissions will NOT BE accepted. Incomplete submissions will NOT BE accepted. IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR AWARD, YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD.**

**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.**

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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 applied.
- 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.
- 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:

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