



2011 LATINO/A LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (LaLSA) SCHOLARSHIP AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

Purpose of Scholarship: As the Latino population in the United States grows every year, it is essential that there be leaders to guide such a burgeoning community in the future. The Latino/a Law Students' Association (LaLSA) of American University Washington College of Law recognizes this need and works to foster leadership in the Latino community. In appreciation of our opportunity to receive an education, we aim to help others as they pursue their educational dreams. LaLSA is committed to helping Latino high school students in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland, who have demonstrated a desire to continue their education and are committed to service in the community with an educational scholarship.

Award: Each academic year, LaLSA raises funds through events like bake sales and social gatherings in order to award these scholarships. The amount of the awards, therefore, depends on the proceeds received from these events. The financial awards will be provided to the Scholars upon submission of proof of acceptance or enrollment in an accredited post-secondary educational institution. **LaLSA Scholarship Award Recipients will be recognized during the 14th Annual Hispanic Law Conference Awards Dinner held at American University Washington College of Law on March 1, 2011.**

***Note:** This Scholarship is a one-time award, former winners may not re-apply.

Eligibility: The LaLSA Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Students must be enrolled in a post-secondary school full-time in the upcoming school year to qualify.

The scholarships are awarded to students based upon the following primary factors:

- Latino background;
- Demonstrated desire to attain a college education;
- Financial need;
- Demonstrated involvement in and commitment to serve the Latino community; and
- Academic and professional achievement.
- Applicants must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0.

In order to be considered for a scholarship, all applicants must submit a completed application, which includes:

1. A completed Scholarship Application Form
2. A copy of your resume
3. A Letter(s) of Recommendation (optional)

Submit a completed application must be received on or before February 18th, 2011, at:

**LATINO/A LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (LaLSA)
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW
4801 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, NW ROOM #465
WASHINGTON, DC 20016**

FAX: (202) 274- 4005 OR EMAIL: lalsa@wcl.american.edu

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated family annual income # of members in household # of family members in college

Have you received other scholarships? (please circle) Yes No

If so, what organizations provided the scholarship(s), and on what year(s)?

PERSONAL STATEMENT

PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF ESSAY RESPONDING TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW. THERE IS A 750 WORD LIMIT. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE HOW BEING A LATINO/A HAS AFFECTED YOU WHEN RESPONDING TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

TOPIC ESSAY 1: Share with us the importance or value of a college education to you and the role it may play in attaining any of your long or short-term goals.

OR

TOPIC ESSAY 2: Share with us what you feel to be one of the most difficult obstacles you have faced in your life thus far, its effect on you, and what you have learned from that experience.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION *If under 18 years of age, guardian signature is required.*

I certify that all information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize LaLSA – WCL to verify any information submitted as part of this application. I understand that any falsifications will result in the disqualification of my application.

I also understand that any changes in school and/or enrollment status must be reported to LaLSA. Failure to comply may lead to disqualification of my scholarship award if selected as a recipient.

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Date

Guardian's Printed Name (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

ACADEMIC COUNSELOR REFERENCE

Name of High School Counselor

Student G.P.A.

Please provide us with any information you believe would be relevant to the Scholarship Committee when evaluating above named student's application. We would be happy to read letters of recommendation if submitted in conjunction with this form.

I, affirm that I have reviewed the above named student's resume and GPA and hereby recommend them for the LaLSA Scholarship.

Counselor Signature

Date

TEACHER OR SUPERVISOR REFERENCE

Name of Teacher or Supervisor

Student G.P.A.

Please provide us with any information you believe would be relevant to the Scholarship Committee when evaluating above named student's application. We would be happy to read letters of recommendation if submitted in conjunction with this form.

I, affirm that I have reviewed the above named student's resume and hereby recommend them for the WCL LaLSA Scholarship.

Teacher or Supervisor Signature

Date

