

2009 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: Throughout 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 12th Annual Hispanic Law Conference Awards Dinner held at American University Washington College of Law on March 5, 2009, from 7:30 to 9:15 PM.**

***Please Note:** This Scholarship is a one-time award. Former LaLSA Scholars may not reapply for the scholarship.

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, but not limited to, the following primary factors:

- Latino background;
- Demonstrated desire to attain a university education;
- Financial need;
- Demonstrated involvement in and commitment to serve the Latino community; and
- Academic and professional achievement.
- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Submit a completed application by mail, email, or fax by February 24, 2009, to:

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

lalsa@wcl.american.edu * Fax 202-274-4005

College(s) Applied to:

NOTE: If selected as an award recipient, you will need to show proof of acceptance or enrollment to at least one of the schools listed below.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated family annual income

Number of family members in household

Number of family members attending college
(or pursuing higher education) next year, including yourself.

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

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

Please provide an estimate of the following for the academic year you are applying.

NOTE: You will be asked for proof of these items.

Estimated School Expenses

Estimated Income

Tuition/Fees		Scholarship/Grants	
Books/Materials		Loans	
Room/Board		Family Support	
Other		Employment	
TOTAL		Other	
		TOTAL	

PERSONAL STATEMENT

PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF ESSAY RESPONDING TO ONE OF THE ESSAYS BELOW. THERE IS A 750 WORD LIMIT.

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.

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, parental signature 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.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Date