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LEDC Latino Scholarship Fund 2025

Application open from
Monday, April 7th to Sunday, May 4th 11:59pm

Background

The LEDC Latino Scholarship Fund was created with support from local Latinx community leaders, businesses, and foundations with the aim of increasing access to post-secondary education. The Fund aims to support aspiring Latinx students who would like to build their future through higher education. Through this scholarship we strive to create a thriving multicultural community that includes Latinx leaders and entrepreneurs among its businesses as well as its civic and cultural organizations.

Scholarship Award: This year, LEDC will award up to **12 scholarships** to students pursuing a 4-year College Degree or a 2-year Associates or Technical College. **The award will be \$5,000 to help support the cost of tuition, books, or living expenses while students attend a 4-year college or a university in the United States or \$2,500 to attend a 2-year technical school or an Associate's degree.** Each scholarship will be divided into the number of terms per year at the awardee's chosen college or university and will be disbursed following the receipt of proof of full-time enrollment in that term. To receive each disbursement of the award, awardees are required to **maintain a cumulative 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) out of a 4.0 GPA scale** while carrying a full courseload. They will also be expected to attend a reunion of awardees at the end of the academic year and to complete a questionnaire in the Spring to help LEDC evaluate how to better support awardees. **Checks will be made payable directly to the student.**

Eligibility:

- Students must have graduated from a Minnesota high school or alternative school and be attending a 4-year college or university or a 2-year college in the United States in the fall of 2025.

- This includes students graduating from high school in spring of 2025 but also students already attending college.
- A student of Latin-American background
 - Latin American countries include Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Puerto Rico.
- Prior recipients of the scholarship award can apply for the Scholarship in a consecutive year for up to three years, so long as they maintained a 3.0 GPA while enrolled in their school full-time during the year of their award. Transcript from College will be needed.

Note: Submitting an application does not guarantee the scholarship will be awarded.

Selection Criteria:

- A. Academic pursuit (10 Points)
- B. 500-word Essay (40 Points)
- C. Letter of recommendation(s) (25 Points)
- D. Resume including extracurriculars, work, and volunteer history (25 Points)

*Preference will be given to those ineligible for local or federal government funds for college, those with a proven financial need, and students who have a history of leadership within the Latinx community.

We ask that all work & volunteer experience, leadership, extracurricular activities, and honors/awards be included in your resume.

Application Requirements:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ One letter of recommendation from an academic adviser or a teacher
 - Optional: a second letter of recommendation from a supervisor or a mentor from the community or school service program
- ☐ Unofficial high school transcript, including grades for the first semester of the senior year [if applying as a previous awardee or student currently attending college, please submit your college transcript]
- ☐ A 500-word essay explaining how you aspire to contribute to your local community and/or our society at large after completing your post-secondary school education.

Deadline:

The application form and all attachments must be emailed to LSF@ledcmn.org by Sunday, May 4th, 2025 at 11:59pm. **No late applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Do not call to inquire about your application. If you have questions, please email your questions to: LSF@ledcmn.org Replies to inquiries will be sent only during LEDC business hours (M - F 9:00am to 5:00pm).

Application Form:

Please submit an application form with the following information and the above application requirements:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number
4. Email address
5. From which institution are you receiving a high school diploma or equivalent?
6. What colleges or universities did you apply to?
7. What colleges and universities have you been accepted to?
8. Have you applied for financial aid?
 - a. If so, what was your financial aid eligibility according to your FAFSA application?
9. Realizing that your plans may change, what degree or area of interest do you plan to pursue?
10. Please state if you are related, or have a personal relationship with an LEDC staff or board member? If so, with who and what type of relationship? This will not disqualify applicants.

Application opens Monday, April 7th and closes Sunday, May 4th 11:59pm. Late applications will not be accepted. Please email your application form, resume, unofficial transcript, and 500-word essay to lsf@ledcmn.org. Please have your letter(s) of recommendation sent directly to lsf@ledcmn.org and have the recommender include your name in the Subject Line. Award announcements will be made in mid June 2025.