



LULAC NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

STUDENT APPLICATION

The LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) is a program of the
LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc.(LNEESC)



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The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) has considered education its number one priority since it was established in 1929. As part of LULAC's education efforts, the LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) was established in 1975 to provide scholarships to Latino students attending colleges and universities. Under the LNSF program, local LULAC Councils, in partnership with local and national businesses, award scholarships to students in their communities. LNSF is administered by the LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc., (LNESEC) a non-profit educational organization established by LULAC to provide educational programs to youth across the country.

TERMS: LULAC Councils will award scholarships to qualified Latino students who are enrolled or are planning to enroll in accredited colleges or universities in the United States. Awards start at \$250. Awards of \$500 and under are disbursed on July 15th; awards over \$500 are disbursed in two equal payments on July 15th and January 15th. All awards are sent to the local LULAC Councils for distribution to recipients. Scholarships may be used for the payment of tuition, academic fees, room, board, and the purchase of required educational materials & books. A student may not accept more than one LNESEC-sponsored scholarship award in a given academic school year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident, or be granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- Must have applied to or be enrolled as a full-time student in a college or university, including 2-year colleges, or vocational schools that lead to an associate's degree. Graduate students must have applied to or be enrolled as a part-time student in a college or university.
- A student will not be eligible for a scholarship if he/she is related to a scholarship committee member, the Council President, or an individual contributor to the local funds of the Council

AWARD CRITERIA: Applicants are eligible for the following three types of scholarship awards:

National Scholastic Achievement Awards (\$2,000)

- The student has a GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, **and**, if the student is an entering freshman,
- The student scores 29 or higher on the ACT test, **or** 1350 or higher on the SAT test (sum of critical reading and mathematics scores).

Honors Awards (\$500 to \$2,000)

- The student has a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, **and**, if the student is an entering freshman,
- The student scores 23 or higher on the ACT test, **or** 1100 or higher on the SAT test ((sum of critical reading and mathematics scores).

General Awards (\$250 to \$1,000)

Grades and academic performance will serve as indicators; however, emphasis may be placed on the individual's motivation, sincerity, and integrity, which can best be revealed through a personal interview and in the personal essay. Need, community involvement, and leadership activities will also be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants must submit the following in order to be considered for an LNSF scholarship:

- Completed and signed LNSF application form
- High school or college transcript, including cumulative GPA
- Verification of admittance or enrollment from the institution the student is attending or planning to attend (i.e. – letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar, or a transcript)
- Typed, or neatly printed, personal essay of not more than 300 words

For consideration of an Honors or NSA award, entering college freshman must also submit:

- Copy of ACT or SAT score report

TIME SCHEDULE

- March 31:** Application due to local LULAC Council. A list of participating LULAC Councils will be available at www.LNESEC.org by March 1st.
- June 15:** Applicants notified of scholarship award by local LULAC Council
- July 15:** First scholarship disbursement sent to local LULAC Council
- January 15:** Second scholarship disbursement sent to local LULAC Council

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

- Completed LNSF application must be mailed to the local LULAC Council by March 31st.
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.
 - The LULAC Council to which you apply may require additional information and/or a personal interview.
 - **Applications will NOT be accepted at the LNESEC National Office.**
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PERSONAL ESSAY

Please type or print an essay of 300 words (maximum) on how your academic studies will contribute to your personal & professional goals. In addition, please discuss any community service or extracurricular activities you have been involved in that relate to your goals.

Applicant's signature required. Please read carefully, sign and date below:

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete and that I am not related to a member of the Scholarship Committee or the President of the participating LULAC Council to which I am applying for an LNSF Scholarship. I acknowledge that to qualify for supplemental funds, a LULAC Council must be in good standing and that good standing is determined by LULAC National and not LNEESC. I further understand that LNEESC is not responsible for any scholarship commitments made by LULAC Councils or their members. I further understand that LNEESC will not supplement scholarship applications submitted by LULAC Councils, which are not in good standing with LULAC National.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please be sure to submit a complete application with the supporting documentation listed below to a local participating LULAC Council by no later than March 31, 2020.

Graduating High School Seniors

- High school transcript, including cumulative GPA
- Completed, signed, and dated LNSF Application on or before March 31 deadline
- Typed, or neatly printed, personal essay of not more than 300 words
- Verification of admittance from the institution the student plans to attend **fall 2020** (i.e. – letter of acceptance)
- Copy of ACT/SAT Score Report for consideration of an Honors or NSA award

Undergraduate/Graduate Students

- College transcript, including cumulative GPA
- Completed, signed, and dated LNSF Application on or before March 31 deadline
- Typed, or neatly printed, personal essay of not more than 300 words
- Enrollment Verification (**spring 2020**). Must include enrollment hours on transcript:
 - Undergraduate students (12 credit hours)
 - Graduate students (6+ credit hours)