



## 2017 La Voz Latina Scholarship

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OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

### INFORMATION SHEET

#### RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY

Only those applicants meeting the following requirements will be eligible for this scholarship:

1. Applicant must be of Hispanic/Latino descent.
2. Applicant must be a resident of Winnebago, Boone, Stephenson or Jo Daviess Counties.
3. Classification as a graduating senior by the time award is granted and be enrolled at an accredited college or university in order to receive funds.
4. Applicant must maintain a 2.5 scholastic average or equivalent.

#### CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Academic achievements which indicate a high potential for success in post-secondary education (includes review of transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, scholastic achievements and awards).
2. Level of involvement in school and community activities.
3. Completed description of projected financial needs as stated in part 2 of application.
4. Strength of essay written for application. **(Limit of two pages with a legible font no smaller than 10pt, double spaced).**
5. Submission of at least two letters of recommendation. (3-4 are encouraged). At least one of the letters must be written by a teacher, school counselor or administrator.
6. Scholarship winners will be expected to submit a suitable photo, attend YWCA Northwestern Illinois' Leader Luncheon, and participate in one YWCA La Voz Latina youth volunteer project (4 hour commitment).

#### PROCEDURES

The following requirements must be met for application to be considered, **all others will be rejected:**

1. It is recommended that candidates work closely with their school counselors while completing this application. The application **MUST be reviewed and signed by the counselor and the applicant.**
2. All information must be **typed or word-processed** on the enclosed forms or copies thereof, except for the required essay.
3. The essay must be submitted and must be **typed or word-processed** on separate sheets, double-spaced, and attached to the application packet.
4. The **essay must be limited to no more than 2 pages**, using a legible font no smaller than 10-point and double-spaced.
5. The scholarship committee will review all eligible applications. Candidates will be scored based on the quality of the overall application. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

#### APPLICATION IN MICROSOFT WORD FORMAT

This application may be downloaded in PDF form for typing or Microsoft Word format (preferred method) by visiting the YWCA Northwestern Illinois website at [www.ywcanwil.org/ywca-leader-luncheon](http://www.ywcanwil.org/ywca-leader-luncheon).

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

Applicants should be aware that a personal interview may be required as part of the selection process. If needed, you will be contacted at the phone number provided on your application.

**ATTENDANCE AT LEADER LUNCHEON XXXVII: WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT - EVENT INFORMATION**

YWCA La Voz Latina Scholarship will be awarded at YWCA Leader Luncheon XXXVII on Monday, March 6, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Giovanni's Restaurant, 610 North Bell School Road, Rockford. **Approved applicants are sent an invitation (RSVP is required) to attend free of charge and all are encouraged to be present at this exciting event where winners are announced and awarded.** Parents are welcome to attend by purchasing a ticket to the event.

**SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS**

Completed forms and essays must be **delivered to the YWCA office or postmarked U.S. Mail no later than Friday, January 20, 2017. No exceptions. Mail to:**

**YWCA Northwestern Illinois  
La Voz Latina Scholarship Application  
4990 E. State Street  
Rockford, IL 61108**

# 2017 YWCA La Voz Latina Scholarship Application

PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION SHEET BEFORE PROCEEDING.

**To be considered for this scholarship:**

1. All criteria and format requirements listed on the Information Sheet must be met;
2. All sections of this application form must be **typed or word-processed**, completed, and **signed by the applicant and school counselor/administrator**, where indicated;
3. Applicant's name **must** appear on each page request;
4. A personal interview may be required.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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***I have applied for admittance in the fall to the following colleges or universities:***

***How did you hear about this scholarship and where did you obtain the form?*** (check all that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ School counselor or administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friend  
\_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper  
\_\_\_\_\_ YWCA Website  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other:

**Applicant  
Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Biographical Essay** (must be typed)

Please attach a biographical essay that includes your goals and future plans upon completing college.  
**(Limit of two pages with a legible font no smaller than 10pt, double spaced.)**

**II. Please describe financial needs for the first year.**

**A. Projected Expenses:**

Tuition, books, room and board (This information can usually be found on the college's website or in the college catalogue)

**B. Your financial resources to help meet these needs:**

1. Estimated Yearly Family Income:

\$0-\$25,000       \$25,000 - \$50,000       \$50,000 - \$75,000       \$75,000 – over

Number of people in family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons in family attending college: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current Student Employment:

3. Scholarship(s) Granted and/or applied for:

4. Other (e.g. Education Funds):

**III. Extra-Curricular School Activities and Achievements**

A. I have participated in the following extra-curricular activities at school (list activity and dates):

B. I have served in leadership positions in my school and/or earned the following honors or awards (list service and date):

**IV. Community Service**

A. I have contributed the following volunteer service to my community (church, cultural and civic organizations, etc.):

B. I have served in the following leadership position(s) in the community or earned the following recognition:

**V. Attach at least TWO letters of recommendation.** At least one of the letters must be written by a teacher, school counselor or administrator.

**VI. Attach your official high school transcript, complete with ACT or SAT score.**

**VII. Grade Point Average:**

Applicant's Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ total points

(for example: 2.5 of 4.0 total points)

**VIII. Counselor Verification:** Application MUST be signed by a Counselor or School Administrator and the applicant to be considered for the YWCA La Voz Latina Scholarship.

**I have reviewed and verified the enclosed information.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Counselor/School Administrator Signature (above)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship Applicant Signature (above)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date