



## 2023 La Voz Latina Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsored by:



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### 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. (Male or Female)
2. Applicant must be a resident of and attending high school in 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.

#### 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 or Microsoft Word format (preferred method) by visiting the YWCA Northwestern Illinois website at <https://www.ywcanwil.org/scholarships/>

**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.

**SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS**

Completed forms and essays must be **delivered to the YWCA office or postmarked U.S. Mail no later than January 20, 2023. No exceptions. Mail to:**

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

# 2023 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

Applicant's  
E-mail Address

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:
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**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.**

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

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Date

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Print Name and Title

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**Scholarship Applicant Signature (above)**

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Date