

LAUP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The purpose of the L.A.U.P. Scholarship Fund is to provide financial aid to persons of Hispanic origin so that they may continue their education after graduating from high school. Scholarships are available to citizens of the United States and are awarded on the basis of specific criteria including the quality of one's personal statement and interview, financial need, grade point average, school/community involvement, and the strength of one's course load. Completed applications must be **postmarked by Monday, March 19, 2012.**

Scholarship funds are available to Hispanic students pursuing post-secondary education on a full-time basis. To be eligible the applicant must currently attend a Holland / Zeeland Area School and must be in a position to graduate from high school by June 2012. A Hispanic student is any person who has at least one parent of Hispanic origin.

Incomplete and late applications will not be reviewed. An interview with the LAUP Scholarship Selection Committee will be required. Financial information will be destroyed after selection process.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE:

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Home phone #: _____ Work phone #: _____

4. Birth date: _____ Place of birth: _____

5. Name of high school: _____

6. High school counselor: _____ Counselor's business phone #: _____

7. GPA: _____ Number of credits earned: _____ Anticipated date of graduation: _____

8. Father's name: _____

Address: _____ Home phone #: _____

Employed by: _____ Business phone #: _____

9. Mother's name: _____

Address: _____ Home phone #: _____

Employed by: _____ Business phone #: _____

10. Taxable income (from 2010 federal tax return) for supporting parent(s): _____

Number of persons living in household: _____ Number of siblings in post-secondary school _____

11. Does your family receive public assistance or benefits? _____ If so, what kind? _____

12. Hispanic Background:

___ Mexican ___ Central American ___ South American ___ Caribbean ___ Multi-Ethnic ___ Other

13. List any awards and/or honors you have received:

15. List your school/community activities and/or club memberships/ leadership positions:

16. Name of post-secondary school you are planning to attend: _____

Have you applied? _____ Have you been accepted? _____ Have you applied for financial aid? _____

17. Did your father attend a college/university/vocational school? _____ Did he graduate? _____

18. Did your mother attend a college/university/vocational school? _____ Did she graduate? _____

19. Personal statement: Attach a personal statement that will help the selection committee get to know you as a unique individual. Include a statement of your career and personal goals as well a description of an aspect of Hispanic culture that is important to you. The personal statement is an important part of your application and should be well written and neatly typed. It is recommended that it be at least 2 pages in length, double-spaced.

20. Letters of recommendation: Please include two sealed letters of recommendation. One should be from a teacher or counselor and the other can be from another adult acquaintance. Letters should be addressed to the LAUP Scholarship Selection Committee. These recommendations should include an evaluation of your potential for success at further education as well as the nature and extent of your involvement in the community and/or school.

21. A sealed official high school transcript must accompany this application.

Before sending the application please review these important points:

The completed application and enclosed supplementary materials must be postmarked by Monday, March 19, 2012. Materials to be submitted include:

1. Application form
2. Personal statement
3. Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes
4. Official transcript in a sealed envelope
5. A complete copy of your parents' **2010** Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040 A, or 1040 EZ or proof of Social Services Assistance.
6. Students who pass the first round of evaluations will be contacted to set up interviews to be held between March 26-30.

Send application and supplementary materials to:

LATIN AMERICANS UNITED FOR PROGRESS, INC.
PO BOX 1384
HOLLAND, MI 49422-1384
ATTN: LAUP SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Please read and sign: All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

As with any competitive process not every applicant can be awarded a scholarship. The LAUP Selection Committee reserves the right to make the final decision. However, we urge all qualified students to apply. Recipients will be presented with a certificate of achievement at the L.A.U.P. Fiesta in May.