

To: Dr. Calvin Jamison, Vice President for Administration
From: UT Dallas LULAC Young Adult Council
Re: Emerge Conference- Funding Request

On behalf of the UT Dallas LULAC Council, we are requesting funding from the UT Dallas Office of Administration to fund the travel costs of myself and four students to the 2019 LULAC Emerge Latino Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Emerge Latino Conference is a multi-day Latino leadership conference that provides college students with policy briefing sessions on issues that impact the Latino community. We will receive training on best civic engagement practices, advocacy, program coordination and job readiness. We will also be able to partake in policy workshops on critical legislative issues affecting Hispanic Americans in immigration, health and the environment. Most importantly, we will be able to meet with our Members of Congress to advocate for key issues that affect my school loans, health care, and the immigration status of my friends and classmates.

LULAC has brought many opportunities to me since I began volunteering as an ESL teacher in the fall semester of 2016. Over the course of the last year and a half, I have contributed approximately 150 volunteer hours just in the classroom, in addition to time outside of class spent preparing lessons. I consider myself very lucky, as every week I get the pleasure of working with our incredibly kind and hard-working students and watching them pursue self-improvement. In the process of teaching them, I have learned quite a bit about myself, and have developed skills that will help me succeed in any future career.

The travel cost of the conference is modest, but fulfillment of these needs will have a drastic impact on the effectiveness of our council's leaders. We are all volunteers in the program and we are immensely proud of what our students have accomplished. We want to ensure that we also have the tools to support ourselves in our endeavors and I believe we will receive the training at the LULAC Emerge Latino Conference.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Daniel Guest President, UT Dallas LULAC Young Adult Council

University of Texas at Dallas LULAC National Legislative Conference & Awards Gala Funding Request

The National Legislative Conference is an incredible opportunity for our council members to develop both professionally and personally.

The conference will take place in early February, 2019, in Washington D.C.

We are requesting approximately \$3000 to send four council members who have contributed to the ESL program and to the UTD LULAC Council to the conference.

Date and Location

The conference will be held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington D.C. from Tuesday, February 12, 2019 to Thursday, February 14, 2019. For our UTD council members, there are no associated fees for the conference.

Motivations and Goals

The UTD LULAC council is also seeking funds to send four (4) council members to the 2019 LULAC National Legislative Conference & Awards Gala. The conference is a wonderful opportunity that will allow these council members to develop their leadership, organizational, and activism skills through workshops and seminars, as well as engage national policymakers and legislators on issues important in the UTD and Latino communities.

The National Legislative Conference has been held by LULAC and its corporate partners for twenty years. The event is primarily intended to discuss and coordinate key policy issues for LULAC councils across the nation, and to honor distinguished members of LULAC. First, experts will conduct panels discussing the issues, run public speaking and team building exercises, and host leadership and civic engagement workshops. Afterward, the conference attendees will go to Capitol Hill to conduct legislative visits with important policymakers and legislators.

As much as we would like to pretend that our ESL classes occur in a perfect world where every student has ample time and no worries in life, they do not. While our students are trying to learn a second language to advance their personal goals and better their own lives and the lives of their families, they face numerous obstacles unrelated to learning English that nevertheless affect their ability to engage consistently in the classroom. Often, questions about health care, taxes, education, and immigration that come up in classroom carry with them the knowledge that these issues affect our students' lives profoundly. We need council members educated on the political issues that most affect the Hispanic community in order to best serve our students. The best way to achieve that is to learn from those who have tried to address these same issues in the past and to engage with the politicians who have the means to solve them now.

The experience of attending this conference would have an incalculable benefit both for our council as a whole as well as the ESL program specifically by helping four of our members who dedicate so much time and effort to our community to grow professionally and personally. The continued success of our ESL class in the future will only be possible if UTD LULAC has members with the right talent, drive, and skill to maintain it. Strong organizational skills, a

consistent work ethic, the ability to motivate and organize others, appropriate technical knowledge of language, speech, and audition- these types of skills don't just come out of nowhere. They must be learned and developed over time, and few places could be a better place to learn them than the National Legislative Conference.

Requested Funding

The UTD LULAC Council would like to send four (4) members of the council to the conference in February. To ensure we are able to attend the entire conference with time to spare, we would like to depart from Dallas on Monday, February 11, 2019, and return on Friday, February 15, 2019. In order to reduce the effect this trip would have on the attendee's school performance, it may be worthwhile to consider a narrower time frame for the trip, but such a decision would best be made after a precise itinerary is established, so the dates listed above should be considered to be just one possibility. As mentioned above, the conference has no associated attendance fees. We are requesting funding for four round-trip plane tickets to Washington D.C. and two hotel rooms for four nights.

Currently, Google Flights lists round-trip flights from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, leaving on February 11, 2019 and returning on February 15, 2019, at \$187 per ticket.

Embassy Suites Washington D.C. lists a two-bed room during the designated dates at \$309 per night. Because we plan to send two male and two female attendees, we would need two separate rooms for all four nights.

Below is our budget detailing prices and quantities of what we are requesting, along with shortened links to the prices referenced above. Please note that the links are case sensitive.

Budget

Item	Quantity	Price Per Item	Total Price
Plane Ticket	4	\$187	\$478
Hotel Room	8	\$289	\$2,312
Grand Total	n/a	n/a	\$3.060