



League of United Latin American Citizens Emerge Scholarship

Application Due Date: **Friday, December 4th, 2015**

2016 Emerge Travel Scholarship

Guidelines

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is Friday, December 4, 2015
2. Refer to application process below regarding supporting documents needed (incomplete applications will not be considered). Completed application include:
 - a. Resume
 - b. Cover Letter
 - c. Personal Essays
 4. Unofficial/Official Transcripts
3. If a question in this application does not apply to you please put N/A in the space
4. Print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered
5. If you have any questions about the application, please call Sindy Benavides at 202.833.6130 Ext. 108 or by email at SBenavides@LULAC.org (email preferred).

What Is LULAC

LULAC is the oldest and most respected Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States of America. The mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States.

Emerge Latino Leadership Conference

Emerge is a multi-day Latino leadership conference located in Washington D.C. that provides college students with public policy briefings on public health, education, and immigration. In addition, attendees of Emerge will receive training in civic engagement, advocacy, and program coordination. Emerge conferences will be a 3 day 2 night event. The first night will include registration and an opening reception. The second day offers policy workshops on critical legislative issues affecting Hispanic Americans, such as, education, health, and immigration. The day concludes with LULAC's Gala, an awards ceremony that recognizes key leaders who have served the Hispanic community across the country. The final day of the Emerge conference is focused on job readiness and hands on approach on how to do advocacy. There will be a career fair to explore job opportunities (corporate, non-profit, non-traditional, and government).

Scholarship Award

The purpose of the LULAC Emerge Travel scholarship is to find motivated students who are interested in learning about the current state of affairs of the Latino community in the US, as well as to increase the diversity of students from various Universities attending the conference. The scholarship will provide transportation (flights, train, or gas) and lodging expenses (up to \$850 dollars). LULAC will award approximately 14 scholarships up to \$850 on the basis of a comprehensive and competitive process. Scholarships will be awarded to college students on a point system, taking into account the following elements: completed application, academic accomplishments, community services, personal essays, resume, and a cover letter. Scholarships are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

Who Qualifies Requirements

- Applicant must be a college student enrolled in an accredited two-or-four-year college, university, or technical school
- Applicant must have a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- LULAC Collegiate members are strongly encouraged to apply
- Applicants must complete and submit Scholarship Application and supporting documents by Friday, December 4, 2015

Timeline

- Registration for scholarship application opens up November 2, 2015
- Registration for scholarship closes December 4, 2015
- Travel Scholarship Winners will be announced in December/early January

Please email completed application to:

Sindy M. Benavides

Director of Civic Engagement & Community Mobilization

SBenavides@LULAC.org

Are you a LULAC Collegiate member?

YES / NO

Circle "YES" or "NO"

What is your LULAC council #: _____

Application 2015-must be filled out by applicant.

Please **type on a separate sheet** or **print** your answers below.

1	Last Name:	First Name:
2	Age:	Please specify your ethnicity or race:
3	Mailing Address:: Street: _____ City: State: ZIP:	
4	Daytime Telephone Number: () Cell Phone (if different from above): () Email address: _____ Best way to reach you (circle one): Cell Phone-Call Cell Phone-Text Email	
5	Are you a first generation college student?	What is your total household income?
6	What college or university are you currently attending?	What is your major(s)?
7	What year are you currently? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	
8	Are you a full time student? _____	

9	<p>Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)</p> <p>Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official/unofficial school transcript required.</p>
10	<p>Emergency Contact: Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Name (s) _____</p> <p>Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Daytime telephone number of parents or legal guardians: _____</p>

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

11	<p>SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.</p>
12	<p>ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.</p>

13	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
14	Essay 1: Why is civic participation in the Latino community important on the national level and local levels? (100-300 words max)
15	Essay 2: Describe your leadership experience in your community (100-300 words max)

16	Essay 3 What are your career plans after graduating? (100-300 words max)		
17	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Resume
	YES	NO	Complete Personal Essays
	YES	NO	Unofficial/Official Transcripts
	YES	NO	Cover Letter: The cover letter is an opportunity for the applicant to tell us a bit about themselves in terms of personal background and motivation for attending LULAC emerge conference

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

By signing this, I hereby affirm that all the above stated information is true, correct and without forgery. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I will consent to attend all of the activities scheduled in LULAC's emerge conference and my signature bears proof to this agreement.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

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