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# Latinos United for College Education Scholarships, Inc. (LUCES) Student Scholarship Application 2017

Latinos United for College Education Scholarships, Inc. (LUCES) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to "Promote and advocate for the higher educational advancement of Latinos through the provision or merit and need based scholarships". LUCES offers scholarships to Latinos entering or enrolled in college. Scholarships are available ranging from \$750 to \$1,000 for one semester during the academic year.

## The deadline is Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The LUCES Scholarship recognizes outstanding Latino high school students in their senior year, college students or adult returning students that have completed their GED/HSED who have shown previous involvement in volunteer/leadership or community activities.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Applicants must have a current high school or college GPA of 3.0.
- 2. Include a copy of your high school transcript.
- 3. Upon receiving the LUCES scholarship, recipients must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits during the semester in which they receive the scholarship at an accredited Wisconsin College or University.
- 4. Include two letters of recommendation from a classroom teacher, employer, volunteer program coordinator or other community member who can speak about your motivation for higher education and address your academic, volunteer and community achievements. The letter can be in English or Spanish.

#### **SELECTION:**

Selection is based on financial need, response to short essay questions, recommendation, and high school transcript. A FAFSA is not required to apply.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Complete and submit a LUCES Scholarship Application.
- Print, sign and date the application
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Include a copy of your high school transcript.
- Letter of acceptance to enroll or enrollment in 6 or more credits during the fall semester of 2017.

Email completed application packet by **Friday, June 9th, 2017** by **11:59pm,** late applications not accepted. Subject: LUCES 2017 Scholarship Application

Email/scan your application with attachments to: <u>Board@luces-wisconsin.org</u> Scholarship award notifications will be sent by July 1, 2017

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# PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:					
Street, Apt #, P.O. Box:					
City, State, Zip:					
Email:	Phone:				
EDUCATION - List high school or other colleges/universities you attended					
School and City	Dates	Diploma/Degree			
Did you receive free or reduced lunch while in high school?	Yes	No			
College currently attending, or applied for in the fall of 2017	Yes No	Location:			
I am currently attending this college.	Yes	No			
If no, I have already been accepted to this college.	Yes	No			
I plan to attend:	Full Time	Part Time			
My Intended program(s) or major(s) is:					
My intended college start date is:	(Month)	(Year)			

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## **RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION**

My two recommendation letters were written by:

Name	<b>Relation to Student</b>	Place of Work	Phone Number	Email

Please attach your two recommendation letters to this application.

## ESSAY SECTION

Type a brief essay in response to the topics below (Maximum of 3 pages) Please answer question 1 in Spanish and questions 2-6 in English.

- 1. ¿Qué ha significado para ti tu herencia hispana?
- 2. Describe what you field of study interests you and why it is important to your future?
- 3. Describe your involvement in professional, community and/or extracurricular activities. List the organizations and activities. Include any leadership positions that you have held. If unable to participate, provide a brief explanation.
- 4. Describe financial barriers you face/have faced.
- 5. What do you see yourself doing five to ten years from now?
- 6. In the future, how do you plan to continue "giving back" to the community, in particular the Latino community?
- 7. Additional Consideration describe any other recent major life changes that should be considered.



I authorize access and release to the LUCES scholarship selection committee all relevant information concerning financial resources I may receive, as well as high school and/or college academic records. This information will be used only for evaluating the applicant's application. It will not published or shared with others beyond LUCES board members. I also authorize LUCES to share information from this application with Scholarship donors.

To ensure a fair and objective review process, it is the policy of the LUCES Scholarship Committee not to comment on the deliberation of the awards committee. Thus, LUCES is unable to provide written or oral evaluations to applicants after decisions are made. No provisions exist for reconsideration of awards after scholarships are announced. All applications and supporting materials become the property of the Latinos United for College Education Scholarships and, as such, will not be returned.

I certify that the information I have supplied on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that knowingly submitting inaccurate or false information will result in the denial or loss of any scholarship offers or awards.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

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