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## LAEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications accepted **January 1, 2010 through March 15, 2010**  
Applications postmarked after March 15, 2010 will not be considered

### **Purpose:**

The mission of the Latin American Educational Foundation is to provide access to higher education for Hispanics in Colorado.

### **Requirements:**

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Colorado Resident (*is determined by having a permanent address in Colorado*)
- Hispanic Heritage and/or actively involved in the Hispanic community
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Recipients are required to fulfill 10 hours of community service during year of funding at your college/university. Service provided at or for LAEF will qualify to satisfy this requirement and is strongly encouraged

### **Selection:**

A review committee will select finalists based on the following:

- Academic Achievement
- Financial Need
- Community Service and Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay
- Leadership Ability

### **Instructions:**

Carefully read entire application prior to completing:

- Applications can be typed or legibly handwritten in Black or Blue ink
- Completed applications shall include all supporting documents from the checklist located at the end of the application  
***Incomplete applications will be disqualified***
- Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 15, 2010**
- Applications should be mailed in one package to:

**Latin American Educational Foundation  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
561 Santa Fe Drive  
Denver, CO 80204**

### **Awards:**

Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than June 15, 2010. No prior acknowledgments are made to any applicant. All notifications are final. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room and board.

**Please Note - Institutions of higher education who participate in LAEF's Colorado Higher Education Partnership may match scholarships awarded by LAEF. Each school has its own criteria for matching and, therefore, the match is not guaranteed.**

**Part 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

**Full Name:**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

Choose either **Dependent** or **Independent** student status – **ALL FIELDS REQUIRED**

1.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dependent (*a student who is financially supported in a parent/guardian household*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Independent (*a student who is **NOT** dependent on parent/guardian household income*)

2. Family Size \_\_\_\_\_ (*family members dependent on household income – include yourself*)

Full Name (last name, first name)	Age	Relationship to Student	Annual Income (gross amount)

3. Total household Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*gross amount*)

4. Of the family members listed above, how many are currently attending College? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student currently attending college	College Attending	Year in school

**Financial Information Continued**

5. Do you work? YES NO  
If so, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Will you continue working during the school year? YES NO  
If so, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please specify all other scholarships, grants, or financial support you have applied for and the amounts corresponding to each. Please identify the status of which have been awarded, not awarded, or pending:

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**First Generation Information**

1. Has either of your parents earned a 4-year college degree? YES NO

2. Are you the first in your family to go to college? YES NO

3. Are you living in a single-parent household? YES NO

**PART 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

**Graduating High School Students ONLY**

1. High School attending \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

2. Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ (unweighted 4.0 scale)

3. High School Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

4. Most Recent ACT/SAT score \_\_\_\_\_

5. Graduation Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ OR GED Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ GED Score \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How many Advanced Placement (AP), IB, or Honors courses have you taken? \_\_\_\_\_

List of Advanced Placement (AP), IB, or Honors courses

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7. Name of college attending next fall \_\_\_\_\_

8. Major or area of interest \_\_\_\_\_

**Continuing College Students ONLY**

1. Classification next fall (check one) \_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_ Graduate

2. Credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_

3. Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_

4. College currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

5. Major \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you a previous LAEF scholarship recipient YES NO

If so, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 3 – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Personal Essay (*Typed - Maximum 500 words double spaced*) – essay should answer the following:

What has motivated you to pursue higher education? Tell us about your interests and career goals and how you anticipate achieving those goals. Please share your involvement in the Hispanic community and/or describe how your Hispanic heritage has influenced your life. Highlight what you gained from your involvement in the Hispanic community.

2. Two letters of recommendation (*official letterhead of recommending party is required*)

Letters should discuss your academic achievements and community service as well as your potential for future success. Qualities such as maturity, motivation, self-confidence, leadership and commitment should be addressed.

- The first letter should come from an educator (*teacher, professor, advisor or administrator*)
- The second letter should come from a community service organization, employer, coach, mentor, etc.

3. Please create a list of community service and extracurricular activities for the previous two years.

***(Please list on a separate sheet - include the following information)***

- Community service or extracurricular activity
- Dates and locations of community service or extracurricular activity
- Leadership positions held

**PART 4 – CHECKLIST, AUTHORIZATION, AND CERTIFICATION:**

**Include the following with your application – ALL items should be mailed in one package**

**Checklist (Please organize your application in this order):**

- Most recent Federal Income Tax Returns, if Tax Returns are not available, W-2s or check stubs can replace Tax Returns (*include your parents if you are a dependent student*)
- High school transcripts including rank or proof of GED score (*required for those entering college for the first time*)
- ACT/SAT score verification (*High School Students **ONLY** - unofficial copies are acceptable*)
- Copy of college transcripts (*continuing college students **ONLY** – unofficial copies are acceptable*)
- Typed personal essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- List of community service or extracurricular activities

**Authorization and Certification:**

- I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I will be enrolled as at least a half-time student as defined by your accredited college or university in fall 2010.
- I understand that the LAEF scholarship funds can only be applied towards authorized higher education expenses related to my college attendance.
- I give LAEF permission to access my academic records and grant my college or university's financial aid and admissions office permission to release personal information to LAEF for the purpose of tracking, monitoring and evaluating my progress for the duration of my academic career at my institution, including current contact information and academic records.
- I give LAEF permission to use the information in this application for the purpose of recruitment and public relations.
- Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. All application materials become the property of LAEF.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18 \_\_\_\_\_