



## Viva College! Scholarships for Hispanic/Latino Students

***Latinos Count is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Applications must be postmarked or turned in no later than Monday, April 6, 2020.***

**Applicants:** Eligible scholarship recipients include:

- a. Students graduating from high school in the spring of 2020 and plan on attending a two or four-year college or university.
- b. Students now enrolled in a two or four-year college or university.
- c. Previous Viva College scholarship recipients enrolled in a two or four year university.

**Award:** Latinos Count will award 15 scholarships in the amount of \$1000. The award is for one year. Recipients will be eligible to apply for additional funds in the future. We will give special consideration to applicants who are a single parent.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited four-year or two-year educational institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories;
- If currently attending college, applicant must be in good standing with the institution.
- Demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support; and
- Have at least one parent of Hispanic ancestry.

**Requirements:** First-time high school applicants must submit the five (5) items listed below by the April 6 deadline. (Cover page; Essay; Transcript; Reference letters; and, Work Experience/Award/Activity List). An application will not be considered until all items have been received.

1. **Cover Page:** Applicants must complete the attached cover page.

2. **Essay: High school applicants** must submit a 750-1000 word essay that responds to three topics:

- **A. Background:** The student should describe their qualities, beliefs, achievements, and memorable experiences. The essay should include information about their family (parents and siblings), and individuals that have positively affected their life. If student is a single parent, please write about the joy and challenges of parenthood as you pursue a college diploma. Finally, the applicant should identify his/her reason in attending college, major and career goal.
- **B. Financial Need:** The applicant should discuss his/her plan to pay for their college expenses including family support, working, loans, and scholarship support.
- **C. Leadership:** The applicant should discuss the future of Hispanics/Latinos in America, the kind of leadership needed, and any role the applicant hopes to play in providing such leadership.

**Essay: College applicants** must submit a 500-750-word essay describing particular challenges, crisis, or stressful experiences that they successfully overcame and how they were able to handle these situations. If student is a single parent, please write about the joy and challenges of parenthood as you pursue a college diploma. Additionally, what advice would you offer students who are leaving high school and plan on attending a college or university? Finally, student must share their belief about the importance of obtaining a college diploma.

**3. Transcript:** Applicant must submit a high school or college transcript verifying their eligibility status and grade point average (GPA). If not indicated on transcript, please provide your most recent SAT/ACT scores).

**4. Letters of Reference:**

**A. High school applicants** must submit two (2) letters of reference from persons that have known you, and can speak to your qualities and achievements. Such persons would include high school teachers or counselors, employers, pastor/priest, professor, academic advisor, coach and band instructor.

**B. College/university applicants** must submit two (2) letters of reference from persons that have known you and can speak to your qualities and achievements. One of your letters must be from a college representative indicating you are in “good standing.” That status would indicate you are not on academic or disciplinary probation.

**5. Work Experience/Award/Activity List: First time, high school** applicants must submit a list detailing their work experiences, leadership experiences (class officer, team captain, student council, club officer), academic accomplishments and other relevant awards and activities.

**Deadline:** The complete application, which includes, the cover page and additional requirements, as indicated above, must be postmarked by **April 6, 2020**. The application is not considered complete until all required information is received. Mail or hand-deliver all requirements listed to: **Latinos Count, c/o: Scholarship Committee, 428 West Sherwood Terrace. Fort Wayne, IN 46807.**

Applications may also be delivered to the high school student’s guidance office on or before this date.

**Presentation:** Scholarships will be notified in May if they have been awarded a Viva College scholarship.

**For More Information:** Contact Steve Corona, Executive Director, Latinos Count at **(260) 740-2527** or [scorona428@gmail.com](mailto:scorona428@gmail.com)



**Viva College! Scholarships for Hispanic/Latino Leaders**

**2020/2021 Academic Year**

**Cover page for**

**HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT**

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (Permanent Address) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & email address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/university student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestry \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Date mo./yr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am single parent.

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

College/University you plan to attend in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please check to verify the following elements accompany the cover page:

\_\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_\_ Transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)

\_\_\_\_ Two (2) Reference Letters

\_\_\_\_ Work Experience/Awards/Leadership Experiences/Activity List



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**2020/2021 Academic Year**

**Cover page for**

**COLLEGE APPLICANT**

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (Permanent Address) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & email address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/university student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestry \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Date mo./yr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a single parent

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

College/University you plan to attend in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please check to verify the following elements accompany the cover page:

\_\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_\_ Transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)

\_\_\_\_ Two (2) Reference Letters. One letter must indicate you are in good standing with your school.