



Scholarship Application



“Empowering Young Latino Minds”

2008-2009 Chamber Latino Network* Leadership Scholarship

The Chamber Latino Network Leadership Scholarship provides opportunities for Latino/ Hispanic students living in the Southern Oregon region to complete their post high school career/degree goals. This scholarship’s primary aim is to build leadership in our region’s communities. To be eligible for this Chamber Latino Network Scholarship, a complete application and required documents must be postmarked by **April 11, 2008**. Entering freshmen and continuing college students seeking their **first** academic degree, and students in an accredited technical training program that leads to licensure may apply. **Winners will be posted July 7, 2008 at the Medford Chamber website, www.medfordchamber.com**

General Requirements:

- ◆ Applicant must be a resident of Jackson, Josephine or Klamath counties and be of Latino heritage.
- ◆ Applicant must have a minimum of 2.75 cumulative high school grade point average or a minimum combined verbal and math score of 1010 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test I (SAT I) or a minimum of 21 on the American College Test (ACT).
- ◆ Continuing college students must have a minimum of 2.75 cumulative grade point average.
- ◆ Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident.
- ◆ Applicant must be enrolled full time in a degree-seeking program at an accredited community college, technical institute or public/private university for the 2008-2009 academic year in Oregon.
- ◆ During the 2008-2009 academic year, scholarship recipients must complete at least 30 hours of an approved community service activity.

Required Application Materials:

- ◆ Submit an **official** high school or an **official** college transcript in a sealed envelope together with a completed application, activity chart and personal statement essay. (**See Part I and Part II, pages 2-3**)
- ◆ Two applicant recommendations, which may be submitted separately. (**See page 5 and 6**)

*The Chamber Latino Network is an action team of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County.

Part I: CLN Scholarship Application*

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initials: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Cellular phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Best way to contact you: *(mark only one box)* Home Phone Cell Phone Email

Latino heritage (Select one category that most closely characterizes your heritage):

Mexican Central American South American Caribbean

Citizenship classification (Check one): U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident

The following information is optional and will be used only for data gathering purposes. Please answer each of the prompts below:

Are you of the first generation in your family pursuing a post-secondary education?

yes no

Have you applied for the Free Application Federal Student Aid: yes no

If you have received a response to the FAFSA, what is your Expected Family

Contribution (EFC)? EFC: _____

High school, college or accredited technical training program that you are currently attending:

_____.

College or accredited technical training program you plan to attend in the 2008-2009 academic year:

_____.

Intended major or area of study: _____.

By signing and dating below, I attest that the information included in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Applicant signature)

(Date)

Any false statement will automatically disqualify applicant from receiving an award.

Extra copies of this application can be downloaded from the www.medfordchamber.com website.

Part II: Personal Statement Essay and Applicant Recommendation

Personal Statement Essay: *What does leadership mean to me?*

Your essay must be a two page, double-spaced, typed 12 font format. You may tie any of the following to your essay topic.

- ◆ Your family background including how you view your Latino heritage and its importance to you.
- ◆ Academic awards, leadership and community service experience and their significance to you.
- ◆ Your planned major field of study and your future plans for making a difference in the Southern Oregon Latino community.
- ◆ The financial obstacles (for example: unmet need, special economic circumstances, etc.) that you feel are impacting your ability to pursue a post-high school education.

All required application materials, transcripts, essays, and letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than April 11, 2008. Any materials postmarked after this date will be considered late and will invalidate the application.

**Mail materials to: Southern Oregon Education Service District
 Chamber Latino Network Scholarship Committee
 101 North Grape Street
 Medford, OR 97501**

Application Checklist

- A completed application (See Part I)**
- A two page personal statement essay (See Part II)**
- Sealed official school transcript(s) (See Page 1)**
- Chamber Latino Network Leadership Scholarship Activity Chart (See Page 4)**
- Contacted one or more recommenders and have confirmed that the recommender form(s) have been postmarked for delivery (See Page 5 or 6)**

All of the above needs to be postmarked no later than April 11, 2008 to the Southern Oregon Education Service District Chamber Latino Network Scholarship, 101 North Grape Street Medford, Oregon 97501. We recommend that applicants mail as much of it as possible in the same envelope.

Questions concerning this scholarship opportunity may be directed to the Southern Oregon Education Service District Migrant Education/ ELL Program (541-245-5193).

2008-2009 Chamber Latino Network* Leadership Scholarship Activity Chart

Activity Name	Activity Type (i.e.: volunteer service, work for pay, athletic, church, school club or group)	From (month/ year)	To (month/ year)	Hrs Spent (per day/ week/month)	Total Hrs	Description

