

2010 Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund

Application Period:

Monday, February 22, 2010 – Friday, March 26, 2010

Deadline: The application must be received by the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Background

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley established the Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund with funding from the Hispanic Women's Council of Northern California. The purpose of the Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund is to encourage women to pursue four-year college degrees and to encourage women to return to school after having children.

Three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Scholarship recipients must agree to use funds for school-related needs, such as registration, books, and supplies. Upon request, scholarship recipients shall submit a follow-up letter detailing academic progress.

Eligibility

Qualified applicants must meet one of the following:

- Hispanic women entering or attending an accredited 4-year college or university.
- Hispanic women transferring from a community college to a 4-year college or university.
- Hispanic women reentering or attending an accredited academic institution *after having children*.
- Applicants who previously received the Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund are not eligible to reapply.

These additional factors will be considered during the evaluation and selection process:

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| ♦ Academic performance | ♦ Community involvement |
| ♦ Writing ability | ♦ Residing in Silicon Valley |
| ♦ Having children | ♦ Bilingual |
| ♦ Letters of recommendation | ♦ Financial need |
| ♦ Over 25 years of age | |

Application Package Requirements

A complete application package, including all required materials, must be submitted by the application deadline in order to be eligible for scholarship consideration. ***Please do not staple materials.***

- Completed application, including essays
- College acceptance letter/proof of enrollment
- Copy of school transcripts (if a current or transferring student)
- Letter(s) of recommendation

Selection Process

The Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund selection committee will review all applications and select six finalists. Selected finalists will be invited to participate in a mandatory interview on Saturday, April, 24, 2010, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Three scholarship winners will be selected and notified no later than, May 1, 2010.

Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund 2010 Scholarship Application

I. APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	
Current Address:		City:	Zip:
Permanent Address: (If different from above)			
Date of Birth:	Phone Number:	Email Address:	
Ethnicity:		Languages Spoken:	

Marital Status:

Married Separated/Divorced Single Widowed

Name and Age of dependents:

Name:	Age:	Relationship:

If you are under 18 years of age, please provide your guardian's name(s):

Guardian Name:	Guardian Name:
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How did you hear about this scholarship?

II. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Please describe the type and amount of financial assistance (scholarships or loans) that you are currently receiving.

Organization	Grant/Loan/Scholarships	Amount	Year Received

Other Financial Considerations

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III. SCHOOL INFORMATION

College/University Currently Attending	
Field of Study	
Cumulative Weighted G.P.A.	
Year in School	
Anticipated Graduation Month and Year	

If not currently attending or have applied to transfer, list the schools you have applied to and the date you wish to begin:

College/University Name	Date Application Submitted	Planned Start (Mo & Yr)

IV. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all school or community service activities in which you have participated. Include student government, volunteer projects, sports teams, clubs, etc. For each activity, estimate the number of hours that you spent on the activity each week, as well as the time period of your involvement.

Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Organization	Your Role	Hours/Week	From (mo/yr) - To (mo/yr)

V. WORK EXPERIENCE

If currently employed, please fill in the following:

Employer	Position	Hours/Week	Start Date

VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Attach a one-page essay describing a challenge that you have experienced in your life and why you feel you are the best candidate for this scholarship.

- Font must be no smaller than Times New Roman 12
- Additional pages will not be reviewed by the selection committee
- Re-entering students must describe why they previously withdrew from college and why they want to or have returned.

VII. APPLICANT ESSAY

Attach a one-page essay responding to the following questions.

What do you hope to achieve through a college education? How will obtaining a degree impact you and your community?

- Font must be no smaller than Times New Roman 12
- Additional pages will not be reviewed by the selection committee

VIII. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include a letter of recommendation from a current or former professor, academic advisor, professional mentor, employment supervisor, or community leader. This letter must be from someone that knows you well and should describe what they see as your major strengths that make you a good candidate for this scholarship.

IX. CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be required by the Silicon Valley Latina Scholarship Fund to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to receive the scholarship. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant Signature

Date

Final Check

Prior to submitting your application, please check to make sure that each of the following required items is included. Incomplete applications will not be considered. ***Please do not staple materials.***

- Personal, Financial, Scholastic, Extracurricular, and Work Information
- Personal Statement
- Applicant Essay
- Copy of college acceptance letter, proof of enrollment, OR if you have applied but not yet been accepted, list the schools you have applied to in Section III above
- Letter of recommendation(s)
- Signature on Application

Application Submittal

Applications must be received by the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010. Selected finalists will be invited to participate in a mandatory interview on Saturday, April, 24, 2010. Scholarship winners will be notified on Friday, May 3, 2010.

Email, mail or hand-deliver application packet to:

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