

THE LATINO SOCIAL WORK TASK FORCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

April 14, 2011

Dear Student:

We are pleased to announce our annual **Latino Social Work Task Force Scholarship Program for 2011-2012**. This program provides scholarships to Latino men and women with significant financial need residing in the New York metropolitan area that have been accepted or are enrolled in a Master's level program at one of the following accredited schools of social work:

- Adelphi University School of Social Work
- Columbia University School of Social Work
- Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service
- Hunter College School of Social Work
- Lehman College Department of Social Work
- New York University Silver School of Social Work
- Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work

The Latino Social Work Task Force has been working in collaboration with the National Association of Social Workers, NYC Chapter (NASW-NYC) and the Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc., (PRFI) on the development of this scholarship program to increase the number of Latino social workers needed to better serve the increased demand for linguistically and culturally sensitive services to the Latino community.

The program is administered by the National Association of Social Workers-NYC Chapter and the Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc., in accordance with the attached guidelines. Both Latino men and women can apply for scholarships in the amount of \$5,000. The Latino Social Work Task Force is very interested in reviewing applications from Latino individuals who are committed to serving the Latino community as demonstrated through current/past work or volunteer experience and who will continue to work with the Latino community upon completion of their graduate studies.

To apply you must meet the specified criteria and mail the attached application to one of the listed graduate schools where you are attending or have been accepted for admission in the 2011-2012 school year.

The school must receive applications no later than Wednesday, June 15th, 2011.

Thank you for your interest in the Latino Social Work Task Force Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,



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Co-Convener, Latino Social Work Task Force
Executive Director, NASW-NYC Chapter



Maria Elena Girone, ACSW
Co-Convener, Latino Social Work Task Force
President & CEO, Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc.

THE LATINO SOCIAL WORK TASK FORCE **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. The Latino Social Work Task Force Scholarship Program provides scholarships to Latino men and women with significant economic need who are pursuing a Master's degree in social work.
2. All applicants must be residents of either New York City or the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester (the "New York Metropolitan Area"). Please note that returning students not originally residents of the New York Metropolitan Area who have registered to vote in the New York Metropolitan Area are deemed to be New York Metropolitan Area residents for purposes of applying for these scholarships.
3. Applicants must be accepted or currently enrolled in a Master's level program at one of the following accredited schools of social work:
 - Adelphi University School of Social Work
 - Columbia University School of Social Work
 - Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service
 - Hunter College School of Social Work
 - Lehman College Department of Social Work
 - New York University Silver School of Social Work
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4. Each student selected for a Latino Social Work Task Force Scholarship will receive up to a maximum of \$5,000 (\$2,500 from the LSWTF and a match of \$2,500 from the University. Students must be in good standing to receive subsequent scholarship awards as a continuing student.
5. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
6. Applicants must have an overall undergraduate/graduate academic GPA of 3.0 or better.
7. Prior work and/or volunteer experience or internships/field placement in human services and working with communities of color is desirable but not required.
8. Applicants must be bilingual and bicultural in Spanish.
9. Applicants must demonstrate commitment to working with the Latino community upon completion of graduate studies.
10. All scholarship decisions are final.

APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED OR LEGIBLY PRINTED !

Print Last name, First name

School attending 2011 - 2012

APPLICATION FOR LATINO SOCIAL WORK TASK FORCE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Name: _____ Male Female
2. Home Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3. Living with parents: Yes No Home Phone: (____) _____
4. E-mail address: _____ Personal E-mail: _____
5. If you are a citizen, where are you registered to vote _____
6. Marital status: _____ Social Security #: _____
7. Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____
8. Citizenship: USA Permanent Legal Resident Do you Speak Spanish: Fluently Some None
 Year of arrival in U.S. _____
9. Educational History:
 - a. College: _____ From: _____ To: _____ GPA: _____
 - b. Profession in country of origin (if applicable) _____
10. School now attending: _____ City/State: _____
11. School you are planning to attend in 2011-2012: _____
 Have you been admitted? Yes No Student Status: P/T or F/T Grade: First Yr. Second
 Type of Degree: _____ Expected date of completion: _____

Month/Year

12. Your employment history:

Name of Employer	Employed From/To	Job Description	Annual Gross Pay

List members in your household. This includes spouse/domestic partner, your children, and/or your parents/other relatives. (If additional space is required use reverse side of this sheet)

<i>Family Members' Names</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Name of Spouse/Partner Employer</i>	<i>Gross Annual Income</i>

13. Your dependents, if any: (If additional space is required use reverse side of this sheet)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Relationship</i>

14. Financing your education

- a. Total outstanding education loan obligation to date \$ _____ (Do not include loans for the 2011/2012 academic year). Be sure to answer this question accurately.
- b. Itemized loan obligations to date:

<i>Source (Loans)</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Subsidized Stafford:</i>		
<i>Unsubsidized Stafford:</i>		
<i>Perkins:</i>		
<i>PLUS:</i>		
<i>Other Loans:</i>		

c. Other sources of funding to date:

<i>Source (Grants/Scholarships)</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Pell Grants:</i>		
<i>TAP/TAG:</i>		
<i>Scholarships:</i>		
<i>Family:</i>		
<i>Other:</i>		

16. Scholastic honors and prizes: _____

17. Extra-curricular activities, including volunteer activities: _____

18. Please indicate any unusual circumstances that bear upon the ability to finance your graduate education (if applicable):

19. How did you hear about the Latino Social Work Task Force Scholarship?

20. Please provide a brief personal statement of 500 words or less describing why you wish to be considered for a scholarship and how you will work with the Latino community upon completion of graduate studies. (Please type)

The Latino Social Work Task Force reserves the right to contact your school regarding student financial aid information. I hereby make application for scholarship aid, subject to the above terms, and certify that the information in this application is correct. If chosen to receive a scholarship award, I hereby consent to the Latino Social Work Task Force using my name for publicity purposes.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE