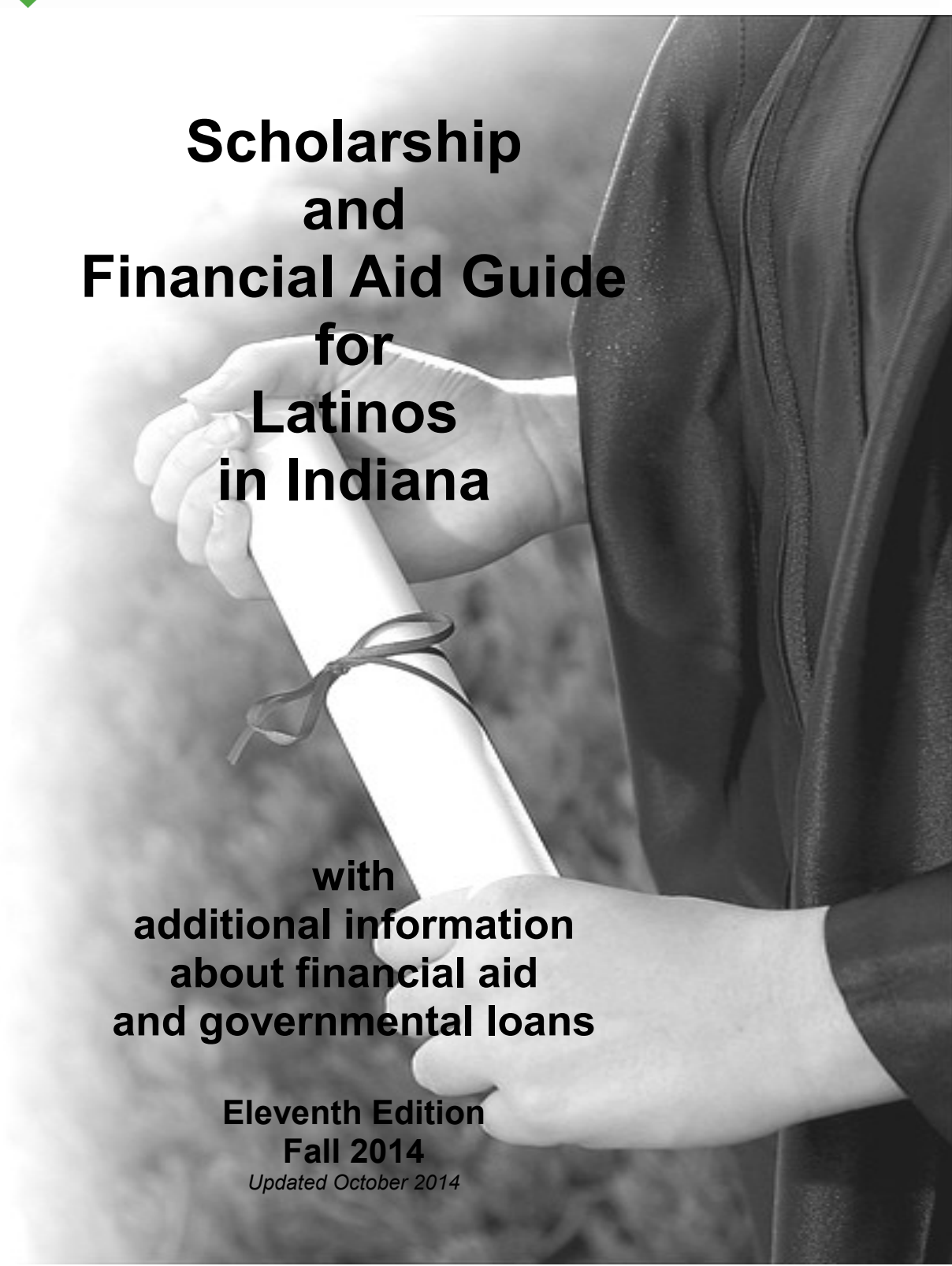




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Introduction

This financial aid and scholarship guidebook is created especially for Latinos who want to pursue post-secondary education in Indiana. We have highlighted important information for those students who may not be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

The guidebook is divided into two parts. The first part includes general information about all types of financial aid programs that are available to students and explains how to apply for them. The second part is the scholarship list which identifies a variety of different types of scholarships. The scholarships are grouped by categories to help you find those scholarships for which you may qualify. For example, there are scholarships especially for Hispanics, for women, or for people interested in studying education.

Finally, the Appendices include a variety of different aids. You can find the glossary (dictionary) of important words in Appendix K, so you can look up any terms you are not familiar with. There is a list of websites you can use to search for more scholarships in Appendix B. If you need additional help in your process towards post-secondary education, contact La Plaza or other college contacts cited in Appendix I. There is a guide to writing a good essay in Appendix C and there are forms to help you stay organized throughout the Appendices.

La Plaza will periodically update this Guide. Let us know if you discover more current information, additional scholarship sources, or have other suggestions that would improve the content and usefulness of this Guide for you. You can always contact La Plaza for additional assistance in planning for your education at (317) 890-3292 or by email at tufuturo@laplaza-indy.org. Remember: We are here to help you!

What does Post-Secondary Education Cost?

- When you search different colleges, you will find that tuition rates can vary as much as \$3,000 a year to more than \$30,000 a year. Often private universities will be more expensive than public universities. Also, public universities will often offer a discounted tuition rate to residents of the state, while private universities usually have flat tuition rates.
- Although the tuition of private institutions can be intimidating, don't let that stop you from considering them. If you have taken your Core 40 classes in high school and have achieved good grades and high SAT or ACT scores, you may be eligible for academic scholarships which will help with the cost of tuition. Also, if your family income is low and you are a citizen/legal resident, you will be eligible for government assistance. There are many combinations of scholarships that might help you pay for college.

If you do not qualify for much financial assistance, and cannot afford a private school, don't let that stop you from dreaming. The state of Indiana has many great state schools that offer more affordable tuition rates. You can take a few classes at a time or condense your classes into a shorter period of time in order to make your studies more affordable.

***Continue by considering and calculating sample college costs,
Appendix J***

What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is the term used to describe all types of financial assistance available to students. There are three types of aid: scholarships, loans, and work programs. There are two sources of financial aid:

- **Private** financial aid which is available to **citizen or non-citizen**, **depending** on the rules of the organization that is giving the aid; and
- **Government** financial aid is **only** available for citizens, permanent residents, and certain eligible non-citizens, such as refugees.

The largest source of financial aid is the federal government, followed by state government, college, and private organizations. On average, Hispanic students receive \$6,250 in financial aid annually.¹

Type of Financial Aid	Scholarships or Grants	Loans	Work Programs
Private Available to all students regardless of documentation at the discretion of the private organization	Merit and Need-based Scholarships from... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundations• Universities• Churches• Businesses• Not-for-profits• Unions	Private student loans from a bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employer tuition benefit programs
Government-Sponsored <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal• State Available only to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and eligible non-citizens.	Merit and Need-based Grants or Scholarships	Government-subsidized student loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work-study• Government-sponsored educational benefits: volunteer or military service (e.g., VISTA, AmeriCorps, National Guard)

Important Details to Remember about Financial Aid

You must apply for financial aid each year that you are in school. It's a good idea to:

- ✓ Get organized and make a plan.
- ✓ Keep a financial aid file in a safe place, where you store all copies of applications, documents, and communication you receive, preferably organized by year.
- ✓ Make a calendar of all your deadlines.

You can always get help from the Financial Aid Office at the college you are attending or call La Plaza.

Government Financial Aid

There are several government financial aid programs in the United States from both the federal and state governments. There are three basic types: **grants**, **work-study** programs, and **loans**. In order to apply for any of these programs, you must file a **FAFSA** form each year. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for information or to apply online. Applications are available in Spanish.

What is a government grant? A grant is a gift and it does not have to be paid back. Grants are available from the federal government or state agencies. There are two main federal government grants:

- Pell Grant provides \$400-\$5,730 depending on your need.
- Federal Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) awards from \$100-\$4,000 according to need.

What if I am not a U.S. citizen or legal resident?

*To qualify for U.S. government financial aid, you **must** be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen, for example, someone who is in the U.S. as a refugee, 'asylum granted,' or a T-visa. For more information, contact FAFSA 1-800-433-3243.*

What is work-study? This program provides part-time jobs, usually on campus, that allow students to earn money to help pay for their education. Work-study jobs are need-based and pay minimum wage or sometimes more. This money can go directly to your student account or to you.

What is a government-sponsored loan? A loan is an amount of money that you get through a bank or the government that has to be paid back. Federal loans are the cheapest and allow the longest period of time to pay back. Please look at Pages 6-8 for help understanding how loans work. Below is a comparison of the different federal loan programs available.

NAME	Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans	Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan	Federal Perkins Loans	Federal PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) Loan
DEFINITION	Loans for which you are not charged interest until repayment begins	Loans for which you are charged interest as soon as you receive the money, but you do not have to pay this until you are no longer in school.	Loans for students with extraordinary financial need	Loans for parents that have to be paid back sooner than the loans for students
AMOUNT	Varies	Varies	Varies	Can borrow up to the total amount due from school (after scholarships, grants, and other loans have been subtracted)
NEED-BASED	Yes	No	Yes	No
BEGIN PAYING	6 months after dropping below half-time status, graduation, or withdrawal	6 months after dropping below half-time status, graduation, or withdrawal	9 months after dropping below half-time status, graduation, or withdrawal	60 days after you receive the money
TIME TO REPAY	Up to 10 years	Up to 10 years	Up to 10 years	Up to 10 years
INTEREST RATE	Low, variable between 3% and 8.5%	Low, variable between 5% and 8.5%	Low, fixed 5%	Higher, variable between 4% and 9%

What financial aid is available from the State of Indiana? There are several types of state grants and financial aid programs. They are listed below:

1. **HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS AND FREEDOM OF CHOICE GRANTS.** Funds for students attending public or proprietary colleges are called Higher Education Awards (HEA), and funds for students attending private colleges are called Freedom of Choice Grants (FOC).
2. **ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA AND CORE 40 GRANTS.** Academic Honors Diploma (AHD) and Core 40 (C40) grants are offered only to students who graduate from an eligible Indiana high school with an AHD and a GPA of 3.0 or with a C40 diploma and a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. **21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS PROGRAM.** You must have signed up for this scholarship in middle school, earn a cumulative (overall) high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, enroll full-time in college, and abstain from criminal activity and the illegal use of controlled substances including alcohol throughout high school. This is a full-tuition scholarship that can only be used at eligible Indiana colleges.
4. **NATIONAL GUARD SUPPLEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (NGSG).** Students must be on active drilling status in the Indiana Air or Army National Guard and must not have been AWOL during the 12 months prior to enrollment. This grant can be applied toward certain tuition and fees only at Indiana public colleges for either part-time or full-time students.
5. **PART-TIME GRANT PROGRAM.** At certain colleges, students enrolled less than full-time may be eligible for a Part-Time Grant. For more information, contact the financial aid office of your college.
6. **STATE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.** This program helps students get work experience and earn money for college. The student is responsible for finding an eligible employer such as a state government agency, city or local government office, public library, or college.*⁵

How do I qualify for Indiana state financial aid? There are four general requirements to qualify for all Indiana state financial aid:

1. You must be a US citizen/permanent resident and legal Indiana resident and must remain so during the academic year;
2. You must complete the FAFSA by March 10;
3. You must show financial need, and
4. You must be an undergraduate student working on your associate's or bachelor's degree.

By completing the FAFSA and filing it by March 10, you are automatically applying for the Indiana programs, and your college's financial aid office will advise you if you have received any of these awards. 21st Century scholarship have their own application process to be completed each year.

To learn more about Indiana State financial aid, check their website at: **www.ssaci.state.in.us**.

Student Loans

What is a student loan? Banks offer what are called Student or Education Loans. The government also has education loan programs. Both types of loans, government loans and bank loans, help students pay for all school-related expenses that are not already paid for by scholarships or other sources of financial aid. People often think that loans are the least desirable financial assistance because you will need to **re-pay** the total amount borrowed plus interest. However, a loan may help you finish your education sooner so that you can begin your career.

How expensive are loans? Pay attention to **interest**, which is the amount the bank or government charges for borrowing the money. You have to pay the loan amount (also called the *principal*) **and** the interest. Interest is calculated as a *percent* of the loan. Some loans have a *fixed* interest rate, meaning that the interest rate will not change the entire time you are paying back your loans and you will probably be billed the same amount each month. Others, however, have a *variable* interest rate that may increase or decrease during your repayment period. This affects how much you owe and you may not be able to predict your bills from year to year. There is a complicated formula to figure out how much interest you have to pay, but all of that is calculated by the government or bank. Below are two examples to show how interest and repayment period affects how much money you will have to pay.

What if I am not a U.S. citizen or legal resident?

Any student, regardless of citizenship status, is able to borrow money for their education provided he or she meets the requirements of the lender. Undocumented students may be able to get private student loans from banks with the help of a co-borrower who is a citizen or permanent resident. Read more about these private loans on the next page, and take time to understand how loans work.

First, let's imagine that you have a loan for \$10,000 with a 5% fixed interest rate to be paid over 10 years. Your monthly payment will be \$105.81. At the end you will actually pay a total of \$12,697.79 (\$10,000 for the loan and \$2,697.79 in interest).

Loan: \$10,000

Interest: 5%

Repayment Period: 10 years

Monthly Payment: \$105.81

Total Payments: \$10,000 loan + \$2,697.79 interest

Now let's say you can pay more than \$105.81 each month. You want to pay \$188.48 each month. How long will it take you to pay off your loan plus interest? It will take only 5 years. Also, you will not be paying as much in interest. Because you only take 5 years to pay off your loan, you only have to pay \$1,308.64 in interest instead of \$2,697.79.

Loan: \$10,000

Interest: 5%

Repayment Period: 5 years

Monthly Payment: \$188.48

Total Payments: \$10,000 loan + \$1,308.64 interest

How do I choose a loan?

Be careful when choosing loan programs because some have very high interest rates, which means you have to pay more money. Government interest rates are considered low and usually do not go above 10%. [You can study the table on page 4 to see interest rates and terms for government loans.] Loan amounts can vary depending on the cost of your school and which bank you go to. Be aware that private loans often include origination fees. Usually the loan check will be sent directly to you, and it's your responsibility to pay your school bills. Each bank has different policies, especially concerning interest rates, repayment periods, and when repayment begins. It would be best to ask different banks what they can offer so you get the best deal available! It is important that you get all of the details of your loan directly from the loan officer at your lending institution. To help you understand some of the language of loan programs, we have provided you with some general information.

How long will I have to repay the loan? For most student loans you do not have to start paying immediately after receiving the money. This is called *deferred* repayment. Usually you have to start making payments 6 to 9 months after graduation, withdrawal from school, or dropping below half-time status.

The Federal PLUS Loan for parents begins repayment much sooner since it is a loan to the parents and not the student. You can usually choose how long you want to take to repay the loan—the *repayment* period. When you begin receiving bills in the mail, they will indicate the smallest amount you must pay. The minimum payment is usually based on a 10-year repayment period, meaning that if you pay the smallest amount each month it will take you 10 years before completely paying off your loan. However, if you want to pay more than that, you can. This will help you pay off your loan sooner and with less interest.

Consolidation. Each loan you accept generates a separate bill. If you get one loan each semester of school and you complete four semesters, then you will eventually have 4 different bills each month. When 2 or more of your loans are combined and made into one loan, it is called *consolidation*. If you consolidate your loans, you can reduce your separate monthly payments into one monthly payment. You may also be able to lower the total amount of interest you must pay and that makes your monthly payments smaller than when there were 4 separate bills. It is also a good idea to borrow money from the same bank and they will help you consolidate your loans automatically.

How do I apply for a loan?

Private Loans. Private bank loans require that you have employment, residency, and credit history. If you do not meet *all* of the requirements, you will need a *co-signer* (also referred to as *co-applicant* or *co-borrower*) who does and who will sign the loan in addition to you. The co-signer will not receive bills, but if you do not make your loan payments this person will be responsible for paying it for you. If you are a temporary resident or undocumented, you will need a co-signer who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Government Loans. Again, any government-sponsored program will require that you be a citizen, permanent resident, or qualified non-citizen. You must file a *FAFSA* form each year you take out a new loan. Some government loans are based on financial need and are available only to students whose household income is below a certain level. Other loans are available to any student regardless of how much money their family makes. Loans are also available for parents who help you pay for school, but these loans cannot be deferred.

Important Loan Details To Remember

- ✓ Be organized and keep your own records.
- ✓ Borrow only what you absolutely need.
- ✓ At the time you apply for the student loan, ask for the interest rate. The lower the interest rate, the better. Also, find out if interest is fixed or variable. If it is variable, you will receive notices in the mail when the interest rate is changing.
- ✓ Many banks reward borrowers who have good credit history with lower interest rates, so make sure your credit history shows good borrowing and repayment before applying for a private loan.
- ✓ Make sure you know exactly when you have to start paying back the loan.
- ✓ If for any reason you stop going to school (graduation, academic probation, withdrawal) and are no longer a student, you will have to start paying back your loans.

What About Work Programs?

It's not easy to balance work and study. Some students must work in order to pay for school. Here is a list of some of the companies that can help you along the way:

1. UPS – <http://www.upsjobs.com>

Considered in the top 100 companies to work for.

Benefits: fixed working schedule, hourly working options, weekends and holidays, paid vacation.

Education: \$3,000 - \$4,000 financial help with studies (with a maximum of \$15,000 - \$20,000); \$2,000 reimbursement for participation in loan program "UPS Earn & Learn ConSern" (with maximum of \$8,000); access to student loan programs from very beginning of employment.

2. FedEx – <http://www.fedex.com/us/careers>

Hourly and full-time jobs available.

Benefits: medical insurance, life insurance, insurance for accidents and disability, pension plans and saving plans, paid vacation.

Education: education assistance plans depend on position.

3. Starbucks – <http://www.starbucks.com>

Requirements: Must be employed with company at least one year; must obtain a "c" or "pass" in all courses.

Education: Business education classes and "GED" classes as well as licensing programs, Master's programs or certificate programs are considered for approval. The reimbursements are in the amounts of \$500 - \$1,000 based on student's position and time at the company.

4. Walmart – <http://www.walmartstores.com>

Education: They offer an assistance program, "My Education Connection", which provides students with the opportunity to take online courses, obtain their GED, and take university courses. Students can also take language and self enrichment courses. The company provides access to personal computers and employees receive discounts with online courses.

5. PETsMART – <http://www.petsmartjobs.com>

Benefits: Academic assistance and professional certification; paid vacations and holidays, store discounts, saving plans, and medical insurance.

Education: offers access to its program, "Learning Institute" an administrative program to help college students become leaders and business administrators.

6. Office Depot – <http://www.officedepot.com>

Education: Offers college tuition assistance programs: full time employees with 6 months of employment and part-time employees with 1 yr. of employment in the company are eligible for financial aid. The classes must relate to the job or be requirements for a college career diploma.

Scholarships

What is a scholarship? A scholarship (or grant) is a monetary gift given to students who meet a set of requirements, such as having a GPA above 3.0, or demonstrating financial need. You do **not** have to pay scholarship money back to the organization that gave it to you. Scholarship money helps to pay your tuition and expenses, such as housing and books, at technical school, college or university.

Who offers scholarships? Scholarships are available from many different organizations:

- federal, state and local governments
- private companies and foundations 
- professional associations 
- and other non-governmental groups—such as churches, social clubs, unions, charities, or your parents' place of employment. 

Also, every **college** offers its own scholarships. Be sure to check with your high school counselor or coach and the colleges/universities you are considering to find out about these opportunities.


See a list of scholarships in Appendix A

How do I use the scholarship money to pay for school?

You will receive a bill shortly after you register for classes. Many scholarships will go directly to the school, and you should see the scholarship amount subtracted from the total bill. If the scholarship is less than the total bill, you must pay the remaining amount. If there is extra money after paying the bill, you will receive a refund. Your refund can be used for other school expenses such as books, computer, office equipment, gas, groceries, etc. Some scholarships will come in the form of a check directly to you, and it will be your responsibility to pay your school bill. Other scholarships require you to pay your tuition/expenses and then present the organization with your receipts. Then the scholarship organization will send you a check for that amount. Each scholarship program will explain to you its procedures for giving you the money.

What if I am not a U.S. citizen or legal resident?

*You can still earn scholarships. While you are not eligible for any U.S. government-funded scholarships, there are many **private** scholarships for students who are not citizens or legal residents and do not have a SS#.*

*This symbol  is used in the guide to identify scholarships that **do not** require U.S. citizenship or permanent residency. You will need to read and follow all the same requirements as any applicant.*

Many college-based scholarships do not require citizenship because they are funded by private donors. Work with a knowledgeable admissions counselor or financial aid advisor at the college of your choice who can recommend the scholarships that you are eligible for. Contact information is in Appendix I.

Warning: Never apply for a scholarship or college admission using false information. Never claim you are a citizen when you are not. If you do, you can be permanently barred from legal entry in to the US.

How Do I Prepare for Scholarship Requirements? Scholarships are competitive, and your goal is to show that you have the best qualifications to receive the scholarship based on the requirements described below. The requirements will vary depending on the specific scholarship you are applying for, but many of the programs have similar requirements. Here are some common scholarship requirements. Note that some requirements, such as a Community Service Record, involve keeping a written record of your activities throughout high school.

1. **GOOD GRADES.** Many scholarships are merit-based, and the most important qualification is high grades. Most applications require a Grade Point Average (GPA) ranging from a 2.5 to 3.8 on a scale of 4.0. It also helps if you have taken advanced courses, such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate, that can boost your GPA.
2. **TRANSCRIPTS.** In order to prove your GPA, you will need to request official copies of your high school transcript from your school's guidance office to submit with your application. Official transcripts will be provided in a sealed envelope. **Do not open these!** Just send them with your scholarship application.
3. **COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD (CS).** Your record of providing any kind of service to your community versus another applicant's record of community service can make a difference to the scholarship committee deciding who is more worthy to receive the desired scholarship. Be in the habit of searching for community service opportunities at your school, place of worship, a nearby community center, etc. and schedule community service into your calendar each month. You can use the My Community Service Record form in Appendix D.
4. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.** Any activity that you engage in other than being in class is considered an extra-curricular activity. This includes any club or organization within your school or the local community, such as a sports team, band, National Honors Society, or Tu Futuro. Scholarship committees are looking for applicants who have invested time outside of class in leadership roles while still maintaining an above-average GPA.
5. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (LoR).** Always be sure to establish good communication with your teachers, employers, and counselors. This means developing and maintaining good relationships with those people who can provide evidence of your efforts in class, your dedication to your education, and your commitment to your community. These are the folks who can write a letter to a scholarship committee recommending students like you for the desired scholarship. Some applications require two, three and even four LoRs. When you ask for a LoR, it is best to give the person information about the scholarship for which you are applying and information about yourself (either your resume or a paragraph describing yourself, your efforts at school, your extra-curricular activities, and community service). Turn to Appendix G, for some guidelines requesting an LoR.
6. **ACT / SAT TEST SCORES.** When you are preparing to take these college aptitude tests, do not hesitate to send your scores to the different institutions where you might apply. Check with your high school counselor to register for these tests early. Apply for a fee waiver if you do not have the money to pay for the test. There are practice booklets to help you prepare for the tests. You may also re-take these tests to try to improve your scores. Check www.act.org and www.collegeboard.com for more information.

7. **ESSAY.** Depending on the instructions given with the scholarship application, you will be expected to write an essay on a given topic or answer a set of questions in essay form. Be sure to prepare yourself and learn the components of a good essay. The length of each essay depends on the scholarship to which you are applying. Turn to Appendix C for a guide in writing a good essay.

8. **RESUME.** Some scholarships ask students to write a resume, or a summary of the student and his/her achievements. Turn to Appendix F to find the Student Resume Guide.

9. **EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL NEED.** Your parents' income and your income information is needed to determine what type and how much aid you are eligible for. All government aid and some scholarships require you to complete the FAFSA form. When you complete your FAFSA form, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is the amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. If you are unable to fill out the FAFSA, some scholarships accept your W2 forms to prove income. Since family income can vary from year to year, you must submit a new FAFSA application every year.

NOTE: Some scholarships will allow alternative forms of financial need evidence, such as a copy of your Tax Return (people without documents can pay taxes using their ITIN numbers) or by simply filling in the FAFSA with W-2 and Tax Return info, and submitting it with the application rather than having the FAFSA formally processed.

10. **INTERVIEW.** Some scholarships require you to interview with the people who will be choosing the scholarship winners. There are a few key things you can do to prepare yourself for these interviews. First, be prepared to discuss your background, academic achievements, college choice, career goals, and any other information you included in your application. The interviewers may not know or remember all the details from your application, so it's okay to repeat things you already wrote about. It's a good idea to practice answering these kinds of questions before the actual interview. Always be honest in your answers and don't be afraid to say "I don't know." Be yourself.

Second, be familiar with the organization that is interviewing you. Know what the organization does and be aware of anything the organization has done recently in the community. If you are awarded the scholarship, sometimes you will be expected to be an "ambassador" for their organization.

Third, be sure you are not late for your interview! If you are going to be late, call and let the interviewers know. Get directions to the interview before you leave your house, so you don't get lost. You can also make a practice drive to the location just to see how long it takes to get there.

Who can help you find scholarships?

Your high school counselor will receive information about new scholarships as they come out. Often they will be posted on your school website under the "guidance" link, or information will be posted outside of your school guidance office.

The Tu Futuro program offers personal help finding scholarships through workshops, application drives and one-on-one meetings.

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Reading the Scholarship Information in this Guide

This guide has descriptions of some scholarships you can apply for **if you meet their specific requirements**. New scholarship programs become available on a regular basis. Appendix B lists internet sites where you can search for more scholarships. Each scholarship entry has some basic information that will help you decide if you should apply for it. If you have any questions regarding the information provided, please call La Plaza's staff at (317) 890-3292 or the specific scholarship organization directly. The example below explains what each line of the scholarship entry means.

Name: Refers to the name of the scholarship or grant program.

Source: The name of the organization or foundation that provides the money for the scholarship or grant.

Target: A description of the type of students for whom the scholarship is available.

Deadline: Indicates the date that the application is due. Usually that means it must arrive at the organization by that date, unless it says "postmark by."

Requirements: These requirements vary from one scholarship to another and may include GPA, grade level in high school or college/university/technical school, number of letters of recommendation (LoR), citizenship or residency status, and essays required.

Amount: Indicates the amount of money you can receive for the scholarship.

Contact: Provides information that will help you contact the scholarship organization to request and submit the scholarship application. Check the organization's website to learn as much as you can about the scholarship program and how to apply. Sometimes applications can be submitted online.

Below is a **key** to remind you what certain abbreviations and symbols mean when you are reading the scholarship information. Remember to watch for the symbol ⌘ to locate scholarships that are available for undocumented students. This symbol ❖ is used when it is not determined whether citizenship or permanent residency will be a requirement. Some programs may change their requirements from time to time. Check with the contact person or organization. The key looks like this:

LoR = Letter of Recommendation	CS = Community Service Record	SAR = Student Aid Report
⌘ = Available to Non US Citizens/Non Permanent Residents	❖ = Must Check with Scholarship for Citizenship Requirement	

Some scholarships may fall into more than one category. When this happens, you will see the name of the scholarship and the page number where you can find all of the detailed information. For example, the American Chemical Society's Scholar Program is for students of Hispanic heritage with a science major. You will find this scholarship listed under *both* Hispanic Heritage and Engineering/Science/Health. In the Hispanic Heritage category on page A9, the scholarship is listed as shown below.

Name: Scholars Program
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The rest of the information for this scholarship will be found on page A18 in the Engineering/Science/Health category.

Appendix A

Nomination-Based Scholarships

The following scholarships require a teacher's or counselor's recommendation of a student who has met certain high achievement requirements.

Name: Gates Millennium Scholars
Source: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Target: Minority HS Seniors
Deadline: January 15, 2015
Requirements: 3.3 GPA
Accepted and enrolled at accredited institution
US citizen or legal resident
Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility requirements
Must be nominated by principals, teachers, guidance counselors, or other professional educators.
(CS) Plus, a supervisor at work, community group leaders, or any other adult who is familiar with the applicant's community involvement must fill out a recommender form.
Amount: Varies
Contact: 1-877-690-4677
Gates Millennium Scholars
P.O. Box 1434 Alexandria, Virginia 22313
www.gmsp.org

Name: Kohl's Kids Who Care
Source: Scholarship America—Kohl's Department Stores
Target: Open to children ages 6 through 18 who are nominated by someone at least 21 years old
Deadline: February 1—March 15 (nomination deadline)
Requirements: Must be nominated
U.S. citizen or permanent resident
Involvement in community service and volunteer work in past 12 months
Amount: \$50 - \$10,000
Contact: <http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/index.asp>
kohls@scholarshipamerica.org, 507-931-1682 and ask for Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program
Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program
Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082



Name: Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships
Source: The Indianapolis Foundation Community Scholarships
Target: Students who demonstrate financial need, motivation and/or a high level of responsibility through school, community, family, and/or extracurricular activities
Deadline: December 15, 2014 (requires school nomination by November 17, 2014)
Requirements: Must be resident of Marion or Hamilton County
Minimum GPA of 2.5 or 3.0 respectively.
Plan to pursue a full-time baccalaureate starting at any accredited Indiana college/university.
Amount: 12 full tuition scholarships for Marion County students and 4 full tuition scholarships for Hamilton County students. Additional smaller scholarships available for finalists but are not chosen for the full tuition scholarship.
Contact: www.cicf.org/scholarships
317-631-6542 ext. 279 or Sara B. Cobb 317-916-7309 or scholarship@cicf.org
Central Indiana Community Foundation Attn: Scholarship Program
615 N. Alabama St, Ste. 119
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Appendix A

Nomination-Based Scholarships

⌘ **Name:** AIA/AAF Minority/ Disadvantaged Scholarship Program
Source: The American Institute of Architects/ American Architectural Foundation
Target: High School seniors, college freshman, and community college students who plan to study architecture in a NAAB-accredited program
Deadline: March 2014 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Application material will be available online
Amount: \$3,000—\$4,000
Contact: <http://www.aia.org/education/AIAB081881>
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292
(800) 242-3837 or scholarships@aia.org

⌘ **Name:** Signet Classic Student Scholarship Essay Contest
See Page A13

Name: Immigrant Youth Achievement Award
Source: American Immigration Council
Target: Youth (14-25) who have demonstrated commitment to their community
Deadline: March 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: (CS) The student must be an immigrant to the United States, including those who have become naturalized citizens; The accomplishments of the honoree must reflect more than personal success and should have evidence of a commitment to making a positive impact in their community or the world around them;
Amount: \$1,000
Contact: www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/events/IYAA
(202) 507-7525
1331 G St. NW Suite 200
Washington, D.C., 20005

Appendix A

Community Service Scholarships

The following require a number of hours providing service to local community agencies and/or communities as a whole.



Name: "Do something about it" Scholarships
Source: DoSomething.org
Target: Students who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering our society
Deadline: October 2014—January 2015 (Varies by scholarship)
Requirements: Each application is different with its own requirements and deadlines
When you apply, you will help raise awareness about issues such as poverty, bullying, secondhand smoke, nutrition, domestic violence, and homelessness.
Amount: Varies, \$2,000- \$5,000
Contact: <http://www.dosomething.org/scholarships/opportunities>
helpme@dosomething.org
(212) 254-2390

Name: HACER Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources- See Page A7

Name: Horatio Alger Indiana Scholarship Program
Source: Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans
Target: Student must have overcome great obstacles in his/her life
Deadline: October 25, 2014
Requirements: On-line application; LoR; Official Transcript; Copy of first page of parent/guardians' 2012 individual federal tax return
2.0 GPA and (CS) strong commitment in service to others
US citizen
Amount: Ten \$7,000 scholarships awarded, one \$22,000 Scholarship
Contact: <https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm>
866-763-9228
Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs
PO Box 4030
Iowa City, IA 52243-4030

Name: Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship- See Page A1

Community Service Scholarships



Name: Believe in You Scholarship & Principal's Award
Source: Herff Jones
Target: An eligible applicant must be a current high school senior and must be nominated by the school principal (Student may start the application.)
Deadline: Apply between November 1, 2014 and February 8, 2015
Requirements: The selection of winners is based strongly on leadership qualities. Academic records, standardized test results (ACT, SAT), school recommendations, work experience, outside interests and co curricular activities are also taken into consideration.
Amount: 47 State awards at \$2,000 each, one National Semi-finalist at \$5,000, one National Finalist at \$8,500, and one National Winner at \$12,000
Contact: <https://www.herffjones.com/biuscholarship>
855-670-4787 or email info@applyists.com

Name: Prudential Spirit of Community Award
Source: Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principles
Target: Student in grade 5 –12 who has participated in/conducted a volunteer-service activity within the past 12 months
Deadline: November 4, 2014
Requirements: (CS)
US citizen or permanent resident
Amount: \$1,000-5,000
Contact: <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>
1-877-525-8491
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, CSFA
One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297 St, Peter, MN 56082

Name: Sam M. Walton Community Scholarship
Source: Wal-Mart Stores
Target: HS Senior who has a family member that works at a Wal-Mart store
Deadline: December 2014 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: 2.5 GPA
ACT/SAT test scores
(CS) Record of involvement in school system
US citizen or Permanent Resident
Amount: \$1,500-\$3,000
Contact: <http://foundation.walmart.com/our-focus/associate-scholarships>
1-877-333-0284
Walmart Associate Scholarship Program
327 2nd St.—Ste. 103
Coralville, IA 52241

Hispanic/Latino Scholarships

The following require the applicant to be of Hispanic/Latino descent and/or have at least one parent who is of Hispanic/Latino descent.



Name: Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarship for Migrant Farmworkers
Source: Geneseo Migrant Center
Target: Any artist (visual, performing, media, literary, crafts) with a history of migration to obtain work in agriculture
Deadline: Two different scholarships available: Grants under \$500 do not have a deadline. Grants up to \$2500 deadline is June 1 and November 1
Requirements: Minimum 16 years of age
Applicant need not be enrolled in a college when applying
LoR (very important)
History of movement to obtain work in agriculture
Grants up to \$2500: Budget or documentation of expenses and a portfolio of samples of work
Amount: Up to \$2,500
Contact: <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/thorn.htm>
585-658-7960
Arts Scholarship Committee
Geneseo Migrant Center
3 Mt. Morris-Leicester Road
Leicester, NY 14481



Name: ‘Careers for the Future’ Scholarship
Source: Indiana Latino Institute, Inc.
Target: Beginning students enrolled in an Indiana university, preference given to Latino students who are first-generation college students
Deadline: May 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Financial Need Form
Community Service
Applying to or enrolled in accredited Indiana college/university
Minimum 2.5 GPA
Amount: \$1,250
Contact: <http://indianalatinoinstitute.org/programs-initiatives/education/>
Indiana Latino Institute, Inc.
445 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 800
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 472– 1055

Hispanic/Latino Scholarships

Name: CHCI Scholarship
Source: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
Target: Students who prove financial need, history of CS and leadership, as well as depth of character
Deadline: April 16, 2015
Requirements: No GPA requirement but must be accepted to an accredited institution
Tax return
(CS)
US citizen or permanent resident
Amount: \$5,000 to attend graduate level institute
\$2,500 to attend 4-year or graduate level institution
\$1,000 to attend 2 year community college
Contact: <http://www.chci.org/scholarships/>
(202) 543-1771
Fax (202) 546-2143
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
911 Second St. NE
Washington, DC 20002



Name: Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders
Source: United States Hispanic Leadership Institute
Target: Hispanic students enrolled or accepted in a four-year institution in the US
Deadline: December 31, 2014
Requirements: Financial Need
Essays, Transcript, Letter of Reference, Resume
Attend USHLI National Conference in Chicago, IL
Amount: \$1,000
Contact: <http://www.uskli.org/student/scholarship.php>
(312) 427-8683
USHLI, 431 S. Dearborn, Suite 1203 Chicago, IL 60605

Name: Education and Leadership Development Program
Source: Jackie Robinson Foundation
Target: Minority HS Senior who has demonstrated financial need, high academic achievement and leadership
Deadline: November 1, 2014
Requirements: Online application; LoR;
Official record of student's SAT or ACT scores (sent by College Board or on Official Transcript)
US citizen
Amount: Up to \$24,000 over 4 years
Contact: <http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/general-applicants.php>
(301) 986-1600 Ext. 260
Jackie Robinson Foundation, Attn: Scholarship Application Process
75 Varick St. , 2nd Floor New York, NY 10013

Name: General Electric/LNESC Scholarship Program
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Hispanic/Latino Scholarships




Name: Gloria and Joseph Mattera National Scholarship Fund for Migrant Children
Source: Boces Geneseo Migrant Center
Target: Migrant farmworker youth with the potential and desire to further their education and will enter or has already enrolled in college/other post-secondary program, high school dropout, or potential dropout.
Deadline: Annually by April 15
Requirements: LoR, Personal essay
Proof of acceptance to student's school
Copy of student's current/most recent Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
Amount: Up to \$250
Contact: <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/mattera.htm>
Gloria and Joseph Mattera National Scholarship Fund
Geneseo Migrant Center
3 Mt. Morris-Leicester Road
Leicester, NY 14481
800-245-5681 or 585-658-7960

Name: GE LNEsc National Scholarship
Source: LULAC National Education Services Centers, Inc.
Target: Minority students with career interest in **business or engineering**
Deadline: February 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Must be a minority student pursuing full-time studies leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university in the U.S
Must be classified as a college sophomore in the fall semester
3.25 GPA
Business or Engineering major
U.S. citizen or legal resident
Amount: \$5,000
Contact: <http://lnesc.org/site/353/Scholarships/GE-LNEsc-Scholarship>
LNEsc National Office
1133 19th st., NW Ste 1000
Washington, DC 20005
202-835-9646

Name: HACER Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources
Source: Ronald McDonald House Charities
Target: HS Senior with at least one parent of Hispanic origin
Deadline: January 20, 2015
Requirements: Be accepted and enrolled to an accredited institution
Legal U.S. resident
2.7 GPA
Live in a participating RMHC Chapter's geographic area
Transcripts
Community Involvement
Personal Essay
Amount: Varies. Most local chapters award a minimum of \$1,000
Contact: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>
RMHC/HACER Scholarship Program
International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc.
RMHC@applyists.com (Subject Line: RMHC)

Hispanic/Latino Scholarships

Name: Gates Millennium Scholars
Source: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Target: African American, American Indian-Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American
Deadline: January 14, 2015
Requirements: 3.3GPA
US citizen or permanent resident of US
First year student
Must be enroll in a accredited college or university as a full-time student
Demonstrate leadership abilities
Meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria
Amount: \$1,000-\$15,000
Contact: <http://www.gmsp.org/>
Gate Millennium Scholars
1805 7th St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
877-690-4677

 **Name:** HSF/General College Scholarships
Source: Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Target: HS seniors and undergraduate students with Hispanic heritage
Deadline: Various deadlines (December 2014—February 2015)
Requirements: 3.0 GPA
Accepted and enrolled full-time at a accredited institution
Must complete the FAFSA
Enrollment Verification Form
US citizen, legal resident or DACA
Amount: \$1,000—\$15,000
Contact: Hispanic Scholarship Fund
1411 W 190th St, Suite 700
Gardena, CA 90248
310-975-3328
<http://www.hispanicfund.org/>

Hispanic/Latino Scholarships



Name: Central Indiana Community Foundation Scholarships (Numerous scholarships available. Not all of them require US citizenship/permanent residency. Check website to see which ones you qualify for.)
Source for La Plaza Scholarship Fund and Mexican Scholarship Fund.

Source: Central Indiana Community Foundation

Target: Minority HS students

Deadline: Varies

Requirements: Varies

Amount: Varies

Contact: <http://www.cicf.org/scholarships>
scholarships@cicf.org
(317) 634-2423
Central Indiana Community Foundation
615 N. Alabama St, Ste. 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204



Name: La Plaza Scholarship Fund

Source: Central Indiana Community Foundation

Target: Indiana students of Hispanic descent pursuing higher education at an Indiana college or university

Deadline: February 28, 2015

Requirements: GPA 2.7, Financial Need, CS, HS Transcript, LoR
Essay: Describe your current involvement in the Hispanic community and why it is important to you.

Amount: \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year for 4 years)

Contact: www.cicf.org
scholarships@cicf.org
(317) 634-2423
Central Indiana Community Foundation Attn: Scholarship Program
615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name: LULAC National Scholarship Fund

Source: League of United Latin American Citizens

Target: Hispanic students enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college/university in the US, including 2-year colleges or vocational schools that lead to an associate's degree

Deadline: January 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)

Requirements: Must be U.S. citizen or legal resident.

General Awards: Grades and academic performance, personal interview, essay, financial need, community service, and leadership activities

Honors Awards: Minimum GPA of 3.25, and (if entering college freshman) minimum ACT score of 23 or SAT score of 1100.

National Scholastic Achievement Award: Minimum GPA of 3.5, and (if entering college freshman) minimum ACT score of 29 or minimum SAT score of 1350.

Amount: General Awards: \$250-\$1,000, Honors Awards \$500-\$2,000, National Scholastic Achievement Award: \$2,000

Contact: <http://www.lnesc.org/site/338/Scholarships/LULAC-National-Scholarship-Fund>
Send completed application to local LULAC Council office.

Hispanic/Latino Scholarships



Name: Mexican Scholarship Fund
Source: Central Indiana Community Foundation
Target: Students of Mexican descent pursuing higher education
Deadline: March 2, 2015 (check CICIF scholarship guide constantly for updates)
Requirements: GPA of 3.0
Demonstrate financial need, HS transcript; LoR
List all school and community activities and honors over the past 4 years.
Essay: Describe what your Mexican heritage means to you, OR please describe your involvement with the Hispanic community.
Amount: \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year for 4 years)
Contact: <https://www.cicf.org/grantseekers/scholarships/>
scholarships@cicf.org
(317) 634-634-2423
Central Indiana Community Foundation Attn: Scholarship Program
615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name: National Association of Hispanic Journalists—Various Scholarships
Source: National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Target: High School and College Undergraduate students pursuing a degree in the field of journalism (print, photo, broadcast, or on-line)
Deadline: June 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Applicant's W-2 form and/or the form of anyone who claims you as a dependent; Resume; 2 LoR; Unofficial School Transcript; Work samples
Up to 1,000 word autobiographical essay about your interest in journalism
Essay in Spanish (Only for Maria Elena Salinas Scholarship) that explains why you seek a career as a Spanish-language broadcast journalist.
Must be a current member of NAHJ
Amount: \$1,000- \$5,000
Contact: www.nahj.org, (202) 662-7145
The National Association of Hispanic Journalists
1000 National Press Building
529 14th St., NW
Washington, DC 20045-2001

Name: Richard G. Lugar Minority Scholarship
Source: Fund for Hoosier Excellence
Target: Minority HS Seniors (African American, Hispanic or Native American)
Deadline: Contact your guidance counselor in September of your senior year
Requirements: Have minimum combined critical reading and math SAT score of 1000 or ACT composite score of 22
Minimum 3.0 GPA
Attend an Indiana college or university
US citizen
Amount: \$4,000-\$20,000
Contact: <http://fundforhoosierexcellence.org/about/process.html>
(317) 633-4015
Fund for Hoosier Excellence
P.O. Box 97
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Hispanic/Latino Scholarships



Name: SADCO Scholarship Program
Source: SADCO: Sociedad Amigos De Colombia
Target: Indiana resident HS Senior or undergrad pursuing associate's or bachelor's degree that is of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd generation Hispanic heritage
Deadline: Two scholarships, one in January 2015, one in April 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Letter of Recommendation, Essay
Accepted to accredited institution
Positive leadership ability and demonstration of responsibility
GPA: Achievement Award 3.6 GPA
Need Award 3.0 GPA & tax returns
Amount: 4 Achievement Scholarships: \$1,000
18 Need Scholarships: \$2,000
Contact: www.sadco.org
sadcowww@iquest.net
(317) 767-7927
SADCO, P.O.Box 1141
Carmel, IN 46082



Name: SHPE Indiana Rolls Royce Engineering Scholarship
Source: SHPE Indiana/ Rolls Royce
Target: Hispanic high school seniors interested in a career in engineering
Deadline: April 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Preference given to students of Hispanic descent
2.7 GPA and 3.0 GPA for a co-op position with Rolls-Royce
Demonstrate Financial Need
Plan to pursue engineering at an Indiana college or university
Resident of Indiana
LoR
Transcripts and college acceptance letter or college attending letter
Amount: Varies
Contact: www.shpe-indiana.org
PO Box 90022
Indianapolis, IN 46240



Name: Scholarship America Dream Award
Source: Scholarship America, Inc.
Target: Students entering their second year or higher of education beyond high school.
Deadline: December 15, 2014
Requirements: At least 17 years of age
U.S citizens, permanent residents or granted DACA
Received a high school diploma or equivalent from a U.S school by Sept. 2014
Completed or expect to successfully complete a minimum of 1 full year of postsecondary education by June 2015
Enroll in fulltime undergraduate study at the sophomore year level or higher
3.0 GPA
Demonstrate financial need
Amount: \$5,000-\$15,000
Contact: Scholarship American Dream Award Program Manager
507-931-1682
dreamaward@scholarshipamerica.org

Art, Poetry, and Essay Contests



Name: Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarship for Migrant Farmworkers
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Name: Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest
Source: Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity
Target: Full-time Juniors and Seniors in college or university
Deadline: December 8, 2014
Requirements: Must have a Faculty Sponsor
Verification of eligibility (letter from school stating level of completion)
Check website for annual essay question.
Amount: \$500-\$5000
Contact: <http://www.eliewiesel foundation.org/prizeinethics.aspx>
Telephone (212) 490-7788
Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity
555 Madison Ave. 20th Floor
New York, NY 10022



Name: Fountainhead Essay Contest
Source: The Ayn Rand Institute
Target: HS (11th or 12th grader)
Deadline: April 26, 2015
Requirements: Three different essay topics
Amount: \$50-\$10,000
Contact: www.aynrand.org
info@aynrandnovels.com
949-222-6550
Anthem/The Fountainhead/Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest (Depending on your age level)
The Ayn Rand Institute
P.O. Box 57044
Irvine, CA 92619-7044



Name: National Peace Essay Contest
Source: United State Institute of Peace
Target: Students in 9th through 12th grade who attend a public, private or parochial schools
Deadline: February 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Must answer the essay question in 1,500 words. Please check website for more specific topic description.
Must have a sponsor/coordinator within your school who can review essays and act as key contact between participant and USIP.
Amount: \$1,000 - \$10,000 and trip to Washington, DC
Contact: <http://www.usip.org/category/course-type/national-peace-essay-contest>
essay_contest@usip.org
(202) 457-1700
United States Institute of Peace
National Peace Essay Contest
2301 Constitution Ave
NW Washington, DC 20037

Art, Poetry, and Essay Contests



Name: Poetry Contest
Source: Lulu Poetry
Target: Open to all poets
Deadline: Ongoing
Requirements: Open to all poets. Check website for updated information.
Amount: \$25 awarded daily, \$250 monthly, and \$5,000 annually to best poems
Contact: www.poetry.com
help@poetry.com



Name: Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
Source: Scholastic Inc.
Target: All students grade 7-12 enrolled in US public schools
Deadline: Varies; Between December 15, 2014-January 2015
Requirements: Awards are available in 10 writing categories and 19 art categories.
Amount: \$1,000—\$10,000
Contact: www.scholastic.com/artandwritingawards/index.htm
info@artandwriting.org
Alliance for Young Artists and Writers
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
557 Broadway Ave
New York, NY 10012



Name: Signet Classic Student Scholarship Essay Contest
Source: Penguin Putnam Inc.
Target: HS Juniors and Seniors between 16 and 18 years of age
Deadline: April 14, 2015
Requirements: 11th and 12th graders, Home-schooled children between ages 16 and 18
At least 2 and no more than 3 double-spaced pages written on essay topic found online.
Essay must be the original work of the applicant.
Must be HS Junior or Senior between 16 and 18 years old.
An English teacher must submit the essay on behalf of the student
Amount: \$1000 and a Signet Classic library for their school
Contact: <http://www.penguin.com/services-academic/essayhome/>
Penguin Group (USA) Inc.
Academic Marketing Department
Signet Classic Student Scholarship Essay Contest
375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014
(212) 366-2000

Business/Communication/Law

Name: General Electric/LNESC National Scholarship
Source: General Electric Foundation and LNESC
Target: Minority college Freshman enrolled as business or engineering major leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university
Deadline: August 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Student must be college Sophomore in the fall.
Minimum 3.25 GPA
Must be a US citizen or legal resident.
3 LoR
College transcript
Personal statement describing how your studies are leading toward your professional/career goals
Amount: \$5,000
Contact: www.lnesc.org
scholarships@lnesc.org
(202) 835-9646
LULAC National Educational Service Center
1133 19th Street, NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20036

⌘ **Name:** La Unidad Latina Foundation
Source: La Unidad Latina Foundation, Inc.
Target: Hispanic college students on competitive basis
Deadline: February 15, 2015
Requirements: Minimum 2.8 GPA
Currently enrolled in a bachelor's or master's program; and have completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate students or one full-time semester for graduate applicants
Reside in the United States
Amount: \$500-\$1,000
Contact: <http://www.lulfoundation.org/Apply/>
La Unidad Latina Foundation
132 East 43rd Street, Suite 358
New York, NY 10017

⌘ **Name:** MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program
Source: Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
Target: Open to all law students
Deadline: January 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Law students who will be enrolled at an accredited US law school in 2015-2016
Applicants are evaluated for their academic and extracurricular achievements, financial need, and commitment to advancing Latino civil rights in their careers
Amount: 5-10 scholarships of \$5,000 each
Contact: <http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>
MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program
(213)629-2512
634 S. Spring St. 11th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90014

Name: Lagrant Foundation Scholarship
Source: Lagrant Foundation
Target: Current undergraduate minority Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors majoring in a field of study that has an emphasis on public relations, marketing or advertising or must minor in communication with desire to pursue a career in the above mentioned majors
Deadline: February 27, 2015 5:00pm PST
Requirements: Minimum 2.75 GPA
Full-time student at a four-year college/university with 12 credits or more per semester
Must major in a field of study that has an emphasis on public relations
(see website for qualifying majors)
LoR; Official college transcript
U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
Resume
Amount: \$2,500
Contact: <http://www.lagrantfoundation.org/>
323-469-8680
The Lagrant Foundation
600 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1520
Los Angeles, CA 90017-2920

❖ **Name:** Radio and Television News Directors Foundation Electronic Journalism Scholarships
Source: Radio and Television News Directors Foundation
Target: College Sophomores and Juniors with intent to pursue career in electronic journalism (any major)
Deadline: Opens January 2015
Requirements: Several scholarships available but may only apply for one.
Resume, LoR from Dean or faculty sponsor
Requires a SS# or an ITIN number
One-page personal statement
One to three examples of journalistic skills, totaling 15 min. or less, on audio CD or DVD
A brief statement describing your role in each story
Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000
Contact: http://www.rtdna.org/article/scholarship_info
Karen Hansen: karenh@rtdna.org; Phone: 202-662-7257
RTDNF Headquarters and Mailing Address
The National Press Building
529 14th Street, NW, Suite 1240
Washington, D.C. 20045

❖ **Name:** National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity
Source: National Press Club
Target: Minority high school seniors who intend to become a journalist and bring diversity to US journalism
Deadline: March 2014 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Application form, Work samples, Essay, 3 LoR, transcript, FAFSA, copy of acceptance letter to your select institution
GPA 3.0
Amount: \$2000 (can be renewed for up to three years at \$2,500 per year)
Contact: <http://www.npc.press.org/activities/scholarships.cfm>
National Press Club
Attn: Scholarship Department
529 14th St., NW, 13th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20045
202-662-7599

Education



Name: Frank Kazmierczak Memorial Migrant Scholarship
Source: Geneseo Migrant Center
Target: HS Senior who is a migrant worker or a child of a migrant worker and who wishes to pursue a career in teaching.
Deadline: February 1, 2015
Requirements: 2 LoR (one LoR from a school or community/educational representative with personal knowledge of the applicant's character and commitment to pursuing a career in teaching)
Official transcript
Essay of 300-500 words about your interest in teaching
Recent Migrant Education Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
Amount: \$1,000
Contact: <http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/index.htm>
Michael Rob, Director: mreho@gvboces.org, (800) 245-5681
Kazmierczak Scholarship Committee
Geneseo Migrant Center
3 Mt. Morris-Leicester Road
Leicester, NY 14481

Name: PDK International Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators
Source: Phi Delta Kappa International
Target: HS Seniors planning career in education who also meet one of several additional conditions listed on website.
Deadline: March 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Essay, LoR, transcript, SS#
Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000
Contact: <http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/prospective.htm>
scholarships@pdkintl.org
Submit to nearest PDK chapter. Check website for contact information for the Indianapolis, Indiana Chapter #1031.

Name: STEM Teachers Scholarships
Source: AFCEA and NSTA (National Science Teachers Association)
Target: 50 students pursuing an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or credential/licensure with the goal of teaching STEM subjects at a US middle or secondary school.
Deadline: April 1, 2015
Requirements: Minimum overall GPA of 3.0
Undergrad candidates must be attending an accredited US college or university majoring in secondary education or STEM field to teach in a US school
U.S. Citizen
Amount: \$5,000 or \$5,000 annually
Contact: <http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/TeachersScholarship.asp>
Scholarship@afcea.org
Vince Patton, Ed. D.
Executive Director
AFCEA Educational Foundation
4400 Fair Lakes Court

Engineering/Science/Health

Name: ACS Scholars Program
Source: American Chemical Society
Target: H.S. seniors or college freshman, sophomores, or juniors pursuing a college degree in the chemical sciences or chemical technology are eligible to apply.
Deadline: March 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: 3.0 GPA
US citizen or permanent resident
Check website for full application and requirements
Amount: Up to \$5,000
Contact: <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html>
scholars@acs.org, (800) 227-5558 ext.6250
ACS Scholars Program
1155 16th St., NW
Washington, DC 20036

❖ **Name:** AHETEMS General Scholarship for Undergraduates
Source: Advancing Hispanic Excellence in Technology, Engineering, Math, and Science, Inc.
Target: Students pursuing degree in science, technology, engineering, or math
Deadline: May 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Must be pursuing your first bachelors, masters or doctoral degree. (Students pursuing a second bachelors, etc. are not eligible), registered full-time in science, technology, engineering, or math discipline
Application Form, Scholarship Certification Form, Personal Statement, Transcript, LoR, Resume
Must be SHPE member to apply
Amount: \$1,000—\$3,000
Contact: www.ahetems.org/scholarships
AHETEMS, Inc.
SHPE Foundation
General Scholarships
1765 Duke St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Name: AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship
Source: American Meteorological Society
Target: HS seniors interested in studying atmospheric or related oceanic or hydrologic sciences
Deadline: February 6, 2015
Requirements: Minimum 3.25 GPA
US citizens or permanent residents
Completed application form, Official transcript, LoR, Copy of SAT/ACT scores
Amount: \$5,000 (awarded \$2,500 each in the freshman and sophomore years)
Contact: <http://www.ametsoc.org>
AMS, Attn: Freshman Scholarship Program
45 Beacon St.
Boston, MA 02108
Questions: 617-227-2426 ext. 3907 (Donna Sampson), (617) 226-3906 (Stephanie Armstrong)



Name: HENAAC Scholars Program
Source: National Association of Hispanic Engineers
Target: Hispanic students with one of the following majors: engineering, math, computer science, or science
Deadline: April 30, 2015
Requirements: 3.0 GPA
Transcript, Several LoR, Resume, Essay
Amount: \$500—\$10,000. Several scholarships available. Need only submit one application to be considered for all scholarships you qualify for.
www.GreatMindsinSTEM.org
Contact: Dr. Gary Cruz: gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org; (323) 262-0997
HENAAC Attn: Student Scholarship Committee
602 Monterey Pass Rd
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Name: AMS Minority Scholarship
Source: American Meteorological Society
Target: The AMS/Industry Minority Scholarships will award funding to minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students
Deadline: February 6, 2015
Requirements: Students must plan to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. *Marine Biology is not eligible.*
US citizens or permanent residents
Check website for complete application and necessary supporting materials
Amount: \$3,000 per year (2-year stipend)
Contact: <https://www.ametsoc.org/amsstudentinfo/scholfeldocs/industryminorityscholarship.html>
AMS, Attn: Freshman Scholarship Program
45 Beacon St.
Boston, MA 02108
Questions: 617-227-2426 ext. 3907 (Donna Sampson), (617) 226-3906 (Stephanie Armstrong)

Name: Alliance/Merck Ciencia (Science) Hispanic Scholars Program
Source: Merck Company Foundation and the Health Foundation for the Americas
Target: Hispanic College students who demonstrate leadership potential in the field of science
Deadline: Begin accepting applications in January 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Hispanic college students pursuing a Bachelor's degree in a STEM field major
Must apply online
All required materials must be received by deadline date.
Amount: \$2,000
Contact: <http://www.alliancescholars.org/applications/>
National Alliance for Hispanic Health
1501 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 387-5000
www.hispanichealth.org

Name: Procter & Gamble Company Scholarship
Source: Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Target: Minority HS Senior pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics
Deadline: January 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident
3.0 GPA
Plan to enroll full-time in a degree seeking program at a U.S. accredited institution
MUST complete the FAFSA
Amount: \$2,500
Contact: <http://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/hsf-procter-gamble-scholarship-program>
1-877-HSF-INFO, (310)975-3700
Hispanic Scholarship Fund
1411 W. 190th St., Suite 700
Gardena, CA 90248

❖ **Name:** SWE Scholars Program
Source: Society of Women Engineers
Target: Female HS Senior or undergraduate student pursuing a career in engineering, engineering technology or computer science
Deadline: Upper-class application: Dec 1, 2014 - Feb 16, 2015; Freshman application: March 1 - May 15, 2015
Requirements: Pursuing an engineering related career at an accredited institution (see <http://www.abet.org/AccredProgramSearch/AccreditationSearch.aspx> for institution list)
Amount: \$1,400—\$10,500
Contact: http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/index.php/scholarships#activePanels_877-SWE-INFO or scholarships@swe.org
Society of Women Engineers
203 N La Salle Street, Suite 1675
Chicago, IL 60601

Name: Tylenol Scholarship
Source: Tylenol
Target: Students pursuing careers in health care
Deadline: June 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: Eligible students must have completed at least one year of undergraduate or graduate course of study in the Spring of 2013 at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational school.
Amount: \$5,000 and \$10,000
Contact: [Scholarship.tylenol.com](http://scholarship.tylenol.com) and visit <http://www.facebook.com/TylenolScholarship> for scholarship updates

❖ **Name:** Walter Blackburn Scholarship Fund
Source: Central Indiana Community Foundation
Target: Indiana students who plan to major in design or architecture, preference given to minority students and/or Indianapolis Public Schools students
Deadline: March 2, 2015
Requirements: Minimum GPA of 3.0; Financial Need; LoR; Essays; Resume
Amount: \$1,000-\$3,000
Contact: www.cicf.org/scholarships
scholarships@cicf.org
(317) 631-6542 ext. 279
Central Indiana Community Foundation Attn: Scholarship Program
615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Technical/Vocational

Name: Automotive Educational Fund Scholarships
Source: Automotive Hall of Fame
Target: Must have interest in automotive career
Deadline: Applications accepted between February 1—June 30, 2015
Requirements: 2 LoRs, Transcript, 3.0 minimum GPA
Letter of acceptance for associate, bachelors, or masters program with full time enrollment
U.S. citizen or in the United States on a Student Visa
Amount: Varies
Contact: www.automotivehalloffame.org/scholarships.php
(313) 240-4000
Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarship Programs
21400 Oakwood Boulevard
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

❖ **Name:** Earl W. and Edna L. Russell Scholarship Fund
Source: Central Indiana Community Foundation
Target: HS students or college students pursuing a technical or vocational degree
Deadline: March 2, 2015
Requirements: Demonstrate academic promise and financial need.
Plan to attend an accredited technical or vocational institution in Indiana.
List places of employment and/or volunteer service over the last 4 years.
List all school and community activities and honors over the past 4 years.
Brief explanation of how you plan to pay your tuition
Current transcript
2 LoR
Amount: \$1,000-\$3,000
Contact: www.cicf.org/scholarships
scholarships@cicf.org
(317) 631-6542 ext. 279
Central Indiana Community Foundation Attn: Scholarship Program
615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119
Indianapolis, IN 46204

❖ **Name:** Highway, Heavy and Utility Division—ICA Scholarship Fund
Source: The Indianapolis Foundation Community Scholarships
Target: Minority students
Deadline: March 2, 2015
Requirements: Pursuing degree related to highway, bridge, and/or the utility construction industry with intent to pursue a career in same field
(CS) Demonstrate talent, scholastic achievement, work experiences, and skill as shown through school, community, and work experiences
Amount: \$1,000-\$4,000
Contact: www.cicf.org/scholarships
scholarships@cicf.org
(317) 631-6542 ext. 279
Central Indiana Community Foundation Attn: Scholarship Program
615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name: The Technical Minority Scholarship Program
Source: Xerox Corporation
Target: Undergraduate students
Deadline: January 2015 (Dates To Be Announced)
Requirements: 3.0 Minimum GPA
Enrolled as a full-time students in any of these technical fields at the bachelor level or above: Chemistry, Information Management, Computing & Software Systems, Material Science, Printing Management Science, Laser Optics, Physics, Material Science, Engineering (Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Imaging, Manufacturing, Mechanical, Optical, or Software)
US citizen or permanent resident
Minority descent
Application and resume: forms and instructions available online
Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000
Contact: <http://www.xeroxstudentcareers.com/why-xerox/scholarship.aspx>
Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program
150 State Street, 4th Floor
Rochester, NY 14614
E-mail: xtmsp@rballiance.com

Appendix B

Other Places to Find Scholarships

This guidebook provides only some of the scholarships available to you. New scholarship programs can begin at any time. Below are other internet sites where you can search for more scholarships and advice on how to apply.

Please be aware of **SCAMS** (tricks) when searching online! You should NOT be charged to get scholarship information. You can find plenty of scholarships on the internet for FREE! The following claims or questions are signals that a scholarship internet site may be a **scam** to get you to pay money for information you can get for free somewhere else:

“The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”

“You can’t get this information anywhere else.”

“May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?”

“We do all the work.”

Scholarship Lists for Latino Students:

- * **MALDEF** (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) - www.maldef.org
- * **Latino College Dollars** (Tomas Rivera Policy Institute) - www.latinocollegedollars.org
- * **CHCI National Scholarships** (Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute) www.chci.org
(Most scholarships require U.S. citizenship)

Other Websites for Scholarship Information:

www.aspira.org/college_resources.htm	www.finaidfacts.org/scholarships	www.scholarships.com
www.college-scholarships.com	www.free-4u.com	www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org
www.collegeanswer.com	www.freschinfo.com	www.scholarshipTRAK.com
www.collegeboard.com	www.guaranteed-scholarships.com	www.srnexpress.com
www.collegeispossible.org	www.hacu.net	www.ssciencewise.com
www.collegenet.com	www.hispanicfund.org	www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.collegequest.com	www.hsf.net	www.studentaidalliance.org
www.college.gov	www.knowhow2goindiana.org	www.studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.asp
www.edfund.org	www.latinoyouthcollective.com	www.scholarships.uncf.org
www.edwise.org	www.learnmoreindiana.org	www.students.gov
www.fastaid.com	www.mapping-your-future.org	www.thesalliemafund.org
www.fastweb.com	www.mach25.com	www.yesican.gov
www.finaid.org	www.review.com	www.yosipuedo.gov
www.finaid.gov		

Appendix C

Guide to Writing a Good Essay

Many scholarships require applicants to write an essay on a certain topic. This section can help you organize and write a great essay. It is very important that any essays you submit are not copied or borrowed from any other source. **Essays must be your own work!**

Qualities of a Good Essay:

Good English Language Use: Your essay should show your ability to organize your thoughts and use your English language skills. It's okay if you do not speak English very well; just ask someone for help. Write your essay first. Get all your ideas on paper using the outline below. Then it is beneficial for *everyone* to have a teacher or counselor *critique* and *proofread* your essay. They can make suggestions on how to improve your essay. They can help you correct any spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.

Content, Substance, and Depth: Your writing should showcase your ability to think about your self and express your opinions/feelings in a meaningful way.

Creativity and Originality: Your essay should show your personality. Are you funny, enthusiastic, caring, or outgoing? Express these personality traits in your essay.*¹

Basic Essay Outline:

Intro: (1)Start with a sentence that says something about yourself, relating to the topic. (2)Then write a thesis statement, a sentence stating what you will discuss in the essay. (3)Finally, mention the three main points you will make about this topic.

Elaborate on each of the main points.

Main Point #1

Main Point #2

Main Point #3

Conclusion: Include a sentence or two summarizing what you just wrote about, including the essay topic and your three main points. Final sentence should bring the essay to a close. It may be a good idea to say how the scholarship will help you achieve your goals.

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Now let's try a sample essay to see how a good essay reflects the 3 qualities mentioned on the previous page and follows the basic essay outline. **THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE! All essays must be your own work and not copied from any other source.** **Sample Essay Topic:** Explain your personal story describing your background including upbringing, challenges/obstacles, goals/aspirations/ambitions that include long and short term goals, your leadership involvement and ways you contributed to your community and how you will continue to do so after graduation, and why you chose your field of study.

This topic may seem like it's asking for you to write a lot! Following the basic essay outline will help you include each of the points they are asking you to discuss. First, you must write an introduction paragraph. (1) In my short life of 17 years I have experienced many twists and turns. (2) Each aspect of my life has brought me closer to fulfilling my dreams of going to college to become a doctor. (3) The three significant events in my life that have influenced my goals are: coming to the US, seeing how hard life is for my parents, and the joy I feel after helping those in my community.

Next, you will have one or two paragraphs for each of your main points. Main Point #1: Coming to the US. When I was 13 years old my parents told me and my four siblings that we were going to move to the US. Our father had heard of a company in Indiana where he could get a job. It had taken us several years to save up enough money to move to the US, and once we were finally here it took time to find a place to live and adjust to the different people here. Even though we did not speak English, my siblings and I were able to learn at school and found lots of friends. Both my father and my mother found jobs. We had accomplished a great goal by finally making it to the US. If we could do this, we could do anything!

Main Point #2: Seeing how hard it is for my parents. Although coming to the US was a major achievement, there are many challenges in our daily lives. My mother and father work very hard and for very long hours. Sometimes they even have to work two jobs each just to make ends meet. We hardly see them and I have to take care of many things on our own, such as making meals, doing the laundry, and getting to school. The reasons they cannot find better jobs is because they speak little English and did not go to college. I knew from an early age that I wanted to go to college so I could have a good job to take care of myself and my family.

Main Point #3: Helping in my community. Whenever my siblings or I go to the doctor, I always have to interpret between my parents and the doctor. There are not many doctors who can speak Spanish with my parents. Since I was a high school Sophomore I have volunteered at the hospital to translate for doctors and Spanish speaking patients. I am always happy when I can help a doctor understand the concerns of the patient and when the patient receives the care they need. Despite the language barrier, patients are always so grateful for the help the doctor provided. I am so inspired by the caring and knowledgeable doctors that I now want to become a physician myself. I am different, though, because I will not need a Spanish translator!

You've explained your upbringing, challenges/obstacles, community service, and your career goals. Finally, you must write a conclusion paragraph. This is just a recap of what you just wrote. (Sentences including essay topic and three main points) My life has had its good times and bad times, but each moment has led me to this point where I am going to graduate from high school and attend college. Moving to the US and watching my parents struggle in low-paying jobs has influenced me to want to attend college and have a successful career. My community service translating at the hospital has focused my career goals to becoming a doctor. **(Final statement to end essay)** This scholarship will help me achieve my goals of not only attending college, but also continuing to medical school and becoming a Spanish-speaking physician.

Appendix D

My Community Service Record

Name:

Address:

High School:

Contact Number:

Name of Agency or Business Contact Info & Coordinator of service	Activity	Date	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours

Appendix E

My Scholarship Tracking Form

Be organized! It will help you save time as you apply for multiple scholarships.

It is important to keep a record of the scholarships you are applying for. The “My Scholarships” form on the next page provides spaces for you to write information about each application. Below is an explanation for each space on the form.

Scholarship Name & Deadline Of course you need the scholarship name and the deadline to turn in your application to serve as a reminder so you don’t miss the all important deadline! It would not be any good to do all the work to complete an application if it doesn’t get there on time because you forgot the correct date. Make sure you know if the application needs to be received in the scholarship program office by the deadline date or if the application needs to be postmarked by the deadline date.

Requirements Once you have each requirement completed, you can put a checkmark next to that item. Requirements include completing the application, essay, transcripts, LoRs, etc. This way you can see exactly what is left to do before sending the application in the mail.

My Own Copy It is also important that you make a photocopy for yourself of everything you are sending to the scholarship organization just in case it gets lost. Once this is done, put a checkmark in the My Own Copy space. Keep these copies in a folder until the scholarship has been awarded.

Date Sent Finally, you should write down the date your application was mailed. This is important in case the scholarship organization asks you when you sent your application, or if it gets lost in the mail.

Notes There is also a space for any notes you want to make about the scholarship. If you called to ask a question about requirements or to confirm they received your application, you should write the date, with whom you spoke, and what information you found out. You can also write notes on any information they send you in the mail. One important thing to remember is that if you receive a letter in the mail, and you don’t understand what it means (or even if you do understand) **take the letter to your counselor** to find out exactly what the letter is telling you. Sometimes scholarship organizations will request additional information to approve you for the scholarship, but this can be mistaken as a letter saying you did not receive the scholarship. If you just throw away a letter like this, you could be missing out on a great scholarship opportunity. Do not be afraid to ask your counselor or someone to explain what is written in a letter from a scholarship organization or to help you in any way!

Appendix E

My Scholarships

Name:

HS Counselor:

Contact Number:

Scholarship Name	Deadline	Requirements	My Own Copy	Date Sent	Notes/Responses

Appendix F

Student Resume Guide

Some schools and scholarships may ask you to submit a “resume”. The resume should include the following:

- **Your personal information**- name, address, telephone number, and email address. Some schools will ask you to include your social security or student identification number on the heading.
 - **High School information** (name of high school, anticipated graduation date, GPA, and class rank)
 - **SAT / ACT Scores** (only if your scores are good)
 - **Extracurricular Activities** (The order of the activities will differ for each student. Some will have stellar athletic accomplishments and **Athletics** should be listed next. Others will have impressive **Leadership** or **Student Government** activities. Participation in **Student Clubs**, **Performing Arts**, and other activities should be included as well.)
 - **Community Service and Volunteer Experience**
 - **Honors and Awards** (Depending upon the number of honors and awards, you may want to group them together in your Education section or list them in a separate category.)
 - **Work Experience** (If you have worked a part-time job for a significant amount of time.)
- Writing a high school resume is no different from writing a resume for the job you want. Your goal is to accent your assets as a student both academically and socially. Make sure you highlight your strong points first. If you are an excellent student and have great test scores, make sure that is the focus of the resume. If you are active in the student body, sports, and clubs, but do not have the highest scores, then focus on your leadership skills and extra-curricular achievements.
 - Schools and scholarship committees want to see a well rounded and energetic student that will make a difference with their investment. Resumes should not be more than one page in length, so be descriptive but concise. The following are some tips when writing a resume:
 - Make sure your resume is organized and easy to read! Your name and information should not be hidden on the page.
 - Bold and bullet your achievements and then include a one or two sentence description.
 - Use action words such as “led,” “initiated,” and “developed” when describing your achievements. This establishes your role as a capable and competitive candidate.
 - Remember that resumes come in different formats, and that the sample provided is just one example of how to write one.

Source: www.resumeboutique.com

[FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

[EMAIL]

[PHONE]

[SS #/ UNIVERSITY ID #]

EDUCATION

Completed [NUMBER] years at [HIGH SCHOOL].

Anticipated graduation date: [DATE].

Cumulative GPA: ____

Class rank: ____ of ____ students

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Athletic [Years Participated, Title Held]**
- **Leadership Experience [Years Participated, Title Held]**
- **Student Clubs [Years Participated, Title Held]**
- **Performing Arts [Years Participated, Title Held]**

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **[Name of Organization and/or Event]-[YEARS PARTICIPATED and DESCRIPTION of service completed]**
- **[Name of Organization and/or Event]-[YEARS PARTICIPATED and DESCRIPTION of service completed]**

HONORS, AWARDS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **[HONOR/ AWARD/ ORGANIZATION]-[DESCRIPTION]**
- **[HONOR/ AWARD/ ORGANIZATION]-[DESCRIPTION]**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **[Job Title, Business or Organization]-[Years Worked]**
- **[Job Title, Business or Organization]-[Years Worked]**

SAMPLE STUDENT RESUME

Jane Doe

123 Sesame Street
Indianapolis, IN 46256
Janedoe@gmail.com
(317) 555-5555

EDUCATION

Pike High School, 2011 – 2015
Anticipated graduation date: June 2015
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Class Rank: 135 out of 700 students
SAT Score: 1480
ACT Score: 24

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletic

Volleyball team, Junior Varsity, 2013-2015
Cross-Country team, Junior Varsity, 2011-2013

Student Clubs

El Puente Club, 2013-2015
Key Club, 2014-2015, Student Officer

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

English Tutor at Eastbrook Elementary School, 2013-2015
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Neighborhood Clean-up, 2006-2007
Fiesta Indianapolis volunteer, 2013-2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Honor Society member, 2013-2015
'Most Improved Player,' JV Volleyball, 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Server, La Hacienda Restaurant, 2013-2015
Youth Counselor, YMCA Summer Camp, 2012

Appendix G

How to Ask for a Letter of Recommendation (LoR)

Some schools and scholarships (not all of them) will ask you to get “letters of recommendation.” These are letters from people who know you and who can attest to your good grades, your community service, your dedication to learn, etc.

- First of all, you have to decide who to ask for a letter of recommendation. Preferably choose a teacher or counselor who is familiar with you personally and academically. Other people who can be good sources of recommendations are coaches, mentors, your supervisor at work, volunteer coordinator, youth group leader, priest, pastor, etc.
- When you ask an adult to write you a recommendation, don’t assume he/she knows everything about your needs or the requirements of the scholarship. You must be specific. Provide that person with some of the following specific information:
 - a resume of your high school achievements
 - a description of exactly what you want the letter of recommendation for (so the person knows what to focus on)
 - the date you need the letter of recommendation mailed out or handed to you
- Keep in mind that the person who ask may be very busy, and will need ample time to write the letter. Be sure you ask the person to write you a letter several weeks BEFORE your application is due!
- Always write a thank you note to the person who writes you a letter of recommendation.

Appendix H

My College Financial Plan

Plan A: School Choice _____ Total cost \$ _____

How much money can I receive from the government? \$ _____

Grant _____

Work-study _____

Loans _____

How much time am I willing to invest in researching
and applying for scholarships? _____ days

How much money can I receive in scholarships?

From the university/college?

\$ _____

From private sources?

\$ _____

How much money can my family contribute? \$ _____

How much money can I earn and save from a job?

\$ _____

\$50 per week x 50 weeks = \$2500

\$100 per week x 50 weeks = \$5000

How much money can I afford to borrow? \$ _____

Total available resources \$ _____

Compare to total cost
(from top of this sheet)

\$ _____

Appendix I

Who can help me?

High School Counselor If you are still in high school, the first person to contact for scholarship assistance is your high school counselor, or your school's college counselor. They have a lot of experience in finding and applying for scholarships and can help you with the application process. They may even be able to show you other scholarships that you do not know about. Do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss your college plans and scholarship applications with your counselor! Also talk to your favorite teachers and coaches, or other members of your community.

Government Financial Aid For free help with FAFSA and understanding government financial aid (grants and loans), you can contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243. You may also contact the financial aid office at your intended college.

Your Local Bank If you're interested in applying for a private loan, the best thing to do is contact your local bank. Below is a list of banks in the Indianapolis area. You can find the nearest location by looking on their website or searching the Yellow Pages phonebook.

Chase Bank www.chase.com

Key Bank www.key.com

Fifth Third Bank www.53.com

Indiana Members Credit Union www.imcu.com

National City Bank www.nationalcity.com

M&I Bank www.mibank.com

College Admissions Colleges and universities have people whose job it is to help Latino students get accepted into their college. They should also tell you about scholarships available at that specific college. Below are contacts for student admissions at some universities:

College	Campus	Name	Title/Position/Office	Phone	Email
Anderson University		Michelle Williams	Director, Multicultural Student Services	(765) 641-4199	mdwilliams@anderson.edu
Ball State University		Chin-Sook Pak	Spanish Professor	(765) 285-1384	cpak@bsu.edu
		Charles Haynes	Transfer Students	(765) 285-5837	chaynes@bsu.edu
Butler University		Scott Ham	Dean of Admissions	(317) 940-8112	sdham@butler.edu
		Lade Akande Megan A Contreras	Admissions	(317) 940-8100	ogakande@butler.edu
DePauw University		Myrna Hernandez	First Year Programs		myrnahernandez@depauw.edu
University of St. Francis					
Franklin College		Lisa Kawamoto	Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment	(317) 738-8065	LKawamoto@franklincollege.edu
		Nick Torres	Admissions	(317) 738-8065	ntorres@franklincollege.edu
Goshen College		Savino Rivera Jr.	Admissions	(800) 348-7422	smrivera@goshen.edu
Grace College		Dave Lewis	Admissions	(800) 544-7223	lewisdp@grace.edu
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Who can help me?

College Admissions Contacts, Continued

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		Kim Stewart-Brinston	Director, Multicultural Office	(317) 278-8332	
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IU Kokomo	Kokomo	Natalie Campbell	Admissions Counselor	(765) 455-9531	natmcamp@iuk.edu
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	Northeast	Samuel Whitton	Financial Aid	(260) 481-2214	swhitton@ivytech.edu
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Appendix J

Comparison of Tuition Rates of Post-Secondary Institutions

Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI) Four-Year Public Institution	Ivy Tech State College Two-Year Public Institution
In– State Tuition: \$ 8,909.00 per year (30 credits) (\$ 262.61 per credit / \$ 787.83 per class)	In– State Tuition: \$3,934 per year (30 credits) (\$131.15 per credit / \$393.45 per class)
Out-of-state Tuition: \$ 30,088.00 per year (30 credits) (\$968.59 per credit/ \$2,905.77 per class)	Out-of-state Tuition: \$7,812 per year (30 credits) (\$260.40 per credit/ \$781.20 per class)
Textbook and Materials Fees: \$ 900- \$1,000	Textbook and Materials Fees: \$ 960 avg.

Indiana University —Bloomington Four-Year Public Institution	University of Indianapolis Four-Year Private Institution
In– State Tuition: \$9,086.80 (up to 36 credits per year) (283.92 per credit/ \$851.76 per class)	Tuition: \$ 25,154 (up to 34 credits per year) (\$319 per credit/ \$957 per class)
Out-of-state Tuition: \$31,940 per year (up to 36 credits per year) (\$998.13 per credit/ \$2,994.39 per class)	U of Indy is a private school—no difference for out-of-state students
Room and Board Fees: \$ 5,000 - 7,000	Room and Board Fees: \$ 9,010
Textbook and Materials Fees: \$ 675-	Textbook and Materials Fees: \$1,250

You can calculate your exact costs at:

IUPUI Bursar	http://bursar.iupui.edu/apps/costestimator.aspx
IU Bloomington Bursar	http://bursar.indiana.edu/home/index.php/tuition-fee-rates/tuition-estimator
Ivy Tech Financial Aid	http://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/coa/index.html
University of Indianapolis	https://uindy.studentaidcalculator.com/welcome.aspx

***Depending on the school, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) may qualify for in-state tuition. Please contact La Plaza for details.**

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Other College– Related Expenses

Item	Average Cost
Tuition	Refer to J1
Books	\$400-\$800 per year
Rent	\$0-\$600 a month
Transportation	Bus ticket- \$1.25 daily Car payment- \$0-\$200 monthly Insurance- \$80-\$100 monthly Gas- \$40-\$60 weekly
Food	\$5-15 daily
Extra Costs	Personal costs, supplies- \$50-100 per month Student fees (lab fee, technology fee, athletics fee, activity fee, new student fees, etc.)- \$40-\$800

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Estimate Your Personal Expenses

Expenses	My first choice...	My second choice...
Tuition & fees—full-time (12-15 credit hours)		
Tuition & fees—1 course (3 cr.)		
Tuition & fees—2 courses (6 cr.)		
Room & Board or Rent		
Books		
Transportation		
Other personal expenses		
Total expenses for one year		

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Glossary of College Terms

ACT / SAT College entrance exams required by many colleges/universities to enroll. Please see the ACT and SAT websites for more information: www.act.org or www.collegeboard.com.

Award Letter An official letter issued by a financial aid office listing all the financial aid awarded to a student. The award letter usually includes information about the cost of attendance and terms and conditions for the financial aid.

Co-Signer Someone who signs the loan application and promissory note with you. This person does not receive bills, but if you do not pay your bills, this person is responsible for paying them. Sometimes also called the co-applicant or co-borrower.

Community College A 2-year public or private college where you can earn certificates and/or associate degrees. They usually have much lower tuition rates than 4-year colleges/universities where you can earn bachelor and/or higher degrees.

Consolidation Two or more of your loans are combined and made into one loan. If you consolidate your loans, you can reduce your separate monthly payments into one monthly payment.

Credit History A record of a person's past borrowing and repaying behavior (from credit cards or any kinds of other loans). A good credit history shows that you have made payments on time and have been successful in paying back your credit cards and loans.

Creditworthy A term used to describe an individual with no negative credit history.

CS or Community Service Any kind of service you give in your community without being paid.

DACA Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—this is a legal program that allows for eligible undocumented students to receive a two-year work visa, as well as in-state tuition at some schools. Please contact La Plaza for more information or to apply.

EFC or Expected Family Contribution The amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. Your EFC will be reported on your SAR. It is used in determining your eligibility for federal student aid.

Extra-Curricular Activities Any activity that you engage in other than being in class, including participation in any club or organization within your school or the local community.

Deferment: A period of time during which a borrower who meets certain criteria, such as remained enrolled at least half-time, may suspend loan payments.

FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid This application form is a way for the government to calculate what type of federal and state government aid you are eligible for and what your EFC is. In order to apply, you must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen, for example, someone who is in the US with an F1 or F2 student visa or J2 exchange visit or visa. For more information please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Financial Aid Package A combination of financial aid (scholarship, grants, work-study, and/or loans) offered by the financial aid office of a school.

Full-Time Student A student enrolled in college/university or technical/vocational school for at least 4 classes (12 credits).

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Glossary of College Terms

Grant A gift of money from the government or a private organization that does not have to be paid back.

Interest An amount that you are charged for borrowing money. Interest is calculated as a percent of the loan amount.

A **fixed** interest rate will not change the entire time you are paying back your loans.

A **variable** interest rate may increase or decrease during your repayment period.

Loan Money from the government or bank that you have to pay back. Don't forget that loans carry interest and sometimes other fees also. You must pay back the loan, the interest, and all fees.

LoR or Letter of Recommendation You can get these from teachers, counselors, employers, or community leaders who can recommend you for a scholarship with evidence of your efforts in class, your dedication to graduating, and your commitment to your community.

Part-Time Student A student enrolled in college/university or technical/vocation school for 3 or fewer classes (usually anything less than 12 credits).

Postsecondary or **Higher Education** programs after high school, such as technical/vocational college, a two-year community college, or a four-year college/university.

Promissory Note A contract between a borrower and a lender that states the amount borrowed, cost, interest rate, repayment, and any other agreements regarding the loan.

Refund A check to you from your college/university written in the amount of money that is left over from your scholarship/grant/loan after your school bill has been paid.

Repayment Period The time you have to pay back your loans, for example, 10 years.

SAR or Student Aid Report. This report is generated once you complete your FAFSA form. It confirms your financial information from the FAFSA and provides you (and the colleges to whom you send the report) with your EFC.

Scholarship A gift of money from the government or a private organization that does not have to be paid back.

SS# or Social Security Number is issued by the U.S. Social Security Administration. To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen.

Technical/Vocational School A school that teaches mechanical/industrial arts and offers instruction and practical introductory training in skilled trade areas, such as business, public service, health sciences, technology, and many others. Students can earn certificates or associate degrees. Length of study varies according to the specific school and degree program (can range from 6 months to 3 years).

University A 4-year public or private institution for higher education to earn a bachelor's degree or higher. A university is made up of more than one college, such as the College of Education, the College of Nursing, the College of Arts and Sciences. Tuition is usually more expensive than public community colleges and technical/vocational schools.

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