

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
LATINO ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
AND
REY B. GONZALEZ SCHOLARSHIP**

The Latino Achievement and Rey B. Gonzalez Scholarship Programs are competitive scholarship programs that are open to Governors State University students who meet the criteria below. Scholarship awards cover full tuition for a maximum of six semesters that must be taken within seven consecutive semesters. The deadline for submitting applications for the Fall Semester is 7/15/10 and Spring Semester is 11/15/10. (New scholarships will not be awarded for the Summer Semester although previously awarded scholarships can be used during the Summer Semester.)

Criteria

- ❖ Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- ❖ At least one parent must be of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central American, South American or of other Latino ancestry regardless of race.
- ❖ Must be admitted to an undergraduate or graduate degree program at GSU.
- ❖ Must have a cumulative G.P.A of at least a 3.0 from prior schools and from GSU, if applicable.
- ❖ Must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours at GSU.

Initial Application Procedures

- ❖ Applicants must complete application.
- ❖ The applicant must submit a personal statement that is no more than three type-written pages (double space) describing: 1) the applicant's academic and professional goals and how receiving this scholarship will help him/her achieve those goals; 2) a description of the applicant's community service and extracurricular activities; and 3) how his/her leadership skills will help ALAS/GSU increase the Latino student involvement on campus.
- ❖ A brief statement explaining the applicant's financial need.
- ❖ The application must include two letters of recommendation from persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant's academic potential and/or professional demeanor.
- ❖ The applicant must submit official transcripts from other colleges or universities attended.
- ❖ The applicant must provide proof that he/she is enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours at GSU.
- ❖ Complete applications must be submitted to the Latino Achievement and Rey B. Gonzalez Scholarships Screening Committee no later than 7/15/10 for Fall Semester 2010 or 11/15/10 for Spring Semester 2011.

Obligations of the Scholarship Recipient

- ❖ Maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0.
- ❖ Be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester at GSU.
- ❖ Actively participate in the GSU Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) club and Latino Center for Excellence program. Scholarship recipient must assist ALAS in planning, organizing, and implementing ALAS events.
- ❖ Recipient must submit a statement to the committee two weeks before the GSU Early Registration Date of the upcoming semester, indicating his/her enrollment intentions for that semester and a description of his/her active participation in ALAS activities.
- ❖ The scholarship covers tuition for up to six (6) semesters, which must be taken within seven (7) consecutive semesters. The scholarship ends once the recipient completes his/her degree.

Failing to meet any of the above obligations may result in scholarship recipient losing his/her scholarship.

Please note that each scholarship can be used to support one degree only. Preference will be given to students seeking their first undergraduate degree.

All scholarship applications should be submitted to:

**Latino Achievement Scholarship Committee
Governors State University
Office of Admissions
University Park, IL 60484
ATTN: Jose Reyes**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Governors State University

LATINO ACHIEVEMENT _____ REY B. GONZALEZ _____
(check one or both)

Name _____ GSU Student ID # _____
Last First

Address _____ Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____

Cumulative GPA _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Anticipated Date of Enrollment _____ Major _____

Previous Schools Attended:

1. _____
2. _____

Are you receiving other tuition waivers, scholarships, or tuition reimbursements? _____

Please check the applicable statement. I am:

_____ Mexican or of Mexican descent

_____ Puerto Rican or of Puerto Rican descent

_____ Cuban or of Cuban descent

_____ Central or South American or of Central or South American descent

_____ Other Latino origin (Please specify) _____

1. Please submit a personal statement that is no more than three type-written pages (double space) describing: 1) your academic and professional goals and how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve those goals; 2) a description of your community service, extracurricular activities; and 3) how your leadership skills will help ALAS/GSU increase the Latino student involvement on campus.
2. Submit a brief statement explaining your financial need.
3. Submit two letters of recommendation from persons who know you in either an educational or work setting.
4. Submit official transcripts from previous colleges and universities attended. GSU transcripts are not needed.
5. **Must be registered at GSU for at least six credits by the application deadline.**

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