



# The Future of California

## Educational Opportunity Scholarship

### **Introduction:**

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) was founded in 1986. CHIRLA is a regional immigrant rights organization with the mission to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees, promote harmonious multi-ethnic and multi-racial human relations, and empower immigrants and their allies to build a more just and humane society.

CHIRLA is committed to developing leadership capacity and movement-building skills in California's immigrant youth because immigrant youth are the future leaders of the state of California, as well as the nation itself.

CHIRLA will award two (2) \$500 college education opportunity scholarships for the 2010 school year.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Attend an accredited institution from the following list:
  - California Community College
  - California State University
  - University of California
  - Private Four Year college or university
  - Vocational School
- US citizenship not required
- Students from an immigrant family.
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community activism (school or local)
- Student must demonstrate participation and/or activism on immigrant rights issues and/or other progressive social justice causes.
- Minimum 2.0 G.P.A. requirement



Indicate current class level (freshmen, sophomore, etc...): \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information:**

*Please fill out the following EXPENSE SHEET:*

Cost of college per (circle one) **semester** or **quarter** \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated parent/guardian/family contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated student contribution (i.e. work): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated loans (i.e. private loans): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate scholarship money: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide any additional comments or explanation for your EXPENSE SHEET:*

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**Financial Need Verification**

Please include a copy of your or your parent's income tax return.

If you cannot provide income tax return please provide a **brief** explanation below:

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**Work**

Do you work? \_\_\_\_\_ How many hours a week? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the nature of your work? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal Statement (500 words limit):**

In a written statement, please describe your background, goals and leadership involvement. Please make sure to include, but do limit your answer to: family history, upbringing experiences, obstacles confronted, aspirations (both short and long term) and community contribution (past, present and future).

**Career Goals (100 words limit):**

What are your career goals? What influenced you to choose this particular career?

**Use of Award (100 words limit):**

If you are granted the <Title> scholarship, how will the money be used.

**Letter of Recommendation:**

Please submit **one** (1) letter of recommendation. The recommender should be a person of responsibility: Employer, Supervisor, Teacher/ Professor, community leader (church, non-profit organization, etc...).

Letters should be sent on official letterhead (when applicable) and should address the following:

- Relationship to the applicant
- Length of acquaintance
- Applicants strengths and weaknesses
- Examples of applicant's leadership and/or commitment to civic service
- Assessment of the applicant's overall potential to succeed in college

**Proof of Enrollment:**

Official proof of enrollment will be needed from your college or university if awarded the scholarship.

**Follow Up**

If awarded the scholarship, students are required to commit a minimum of 10 hours of community work with CHIRLA. Please describe what your aspect of CHIRLA you would be interested in.

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If the awardees do not live in close parameters to the CHIRLA offices, the awardees should fulfill their community hours with a sister organization of CHIRLA or an organization that works on progressive social justice issues.

