



LULAC - NISSAN

Scholarship Application

EL RETO SUPREMO ACADÉMICO
(THE ULTIMATE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE)



MATH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY &
ENGINEERING



The LULAC-NISSAN Scholarship is administered by LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc. (LNEsc); the educational branch of LULAC



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The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)-NISSAN “El Reto Supremo Académico” (The Ultimate Academic Challenge) is intended to assist and encourage outstanding, underserved Hispanic youth in completing their college education. The LULAC-NISSAN scholarship (“El Reto Supremo Académico”) program is directed specifically to underserved, minority students with career interests in math, science, technology, and engineering. The LULAC-NISSAN Scholarship is sponsored by the Nissan North America, Inc. through its charitable funding arm, Nissan Neighbors and is administered by the LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNESEC), the educational branch of LULAC.

TERMS: The LULAC-NISSAN Scholarship program will award \$1,000 scholarships to qualified minority students enrolled full-time as math, science, technology, or engineering majors leading to a bachelor’s degree at accredited colleges or universities in the United States. Payment will be divided into two equal disbursements made on September 15th and January 31st. The award check is mailed directly to the recipient's school and made payable to the school on behalf of the student. The funds will be allocated toward the payment of tuition and academic fees, and the purchase of required educational materials and books. The school is custodian of the funds and will disburse the award consistent with the purpose of this program.

After completion of the fall semester, recipients must submit a copy of their fall grade report and proof of their full-time spring enrollment status to the LNESEC National Office by January 15th to receive the second disbursement (spring semester).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Must be a minority student pursuing full-time studies leading to a bachelor’s degree at an accredited college or university.
- Must be a Math, Science, or Engineering major.
- Must reside in or attend a university or college in the state of California or Texas.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent, or for entering freshmen, must have a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.
- Entering freshmen must have also scored at least 29 on the ACT test (composite) or at least 1350 on the SAT test (verbal & math).
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

SELECTION CRITERIA used to select the finalists:

- Academic performance
- Performance in math, science, technology, or engineering related subjects
- Likelihood of pursuing a career in math, science, or engineering
- Writing ability
- Extracurricular activities
- Community Involvement



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PERSONAL DATA INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Social Security No. _____

Male Female Ethnicity: _____

Are you a United States Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident (LPR)? Yes No

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Parents'/Guardians' address (if different from yours):

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Major/Course of Study: _____

Anticipated College Graduation: _____
(Month/Date)

GPA / Scale: ____/____ SAT/ACT Score (Only HS Seniors): _____

College/University Class Standing **as of the FALL SEMESTER** (check one):

[] Freshman [] Sophomore [] Junior [] Senior

Name of College/University attending **in FALL 2009**: _____

College/University Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

College/University Main Phone Number: (____) _____



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ACADEMIC DATA

Please be sure to answer questions thoroughly. Your answers will be scored by a selection committee.

1. Name of High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Class Rank (if known): # _____ out of _____

Name of Institution you will be attending: _____

(Please attach letter of acceptance letter, if available)

2. List extracurricular activities, any offices held and honors or awards received through participation in these activities. (Use separate sheet if necessary)

3. Are you presently the recipient of any scholarships or the beneficiary of any other financial aid?

Yes (If yes, please specify)

No

4. Describe any employment (after-school, summer, college co-op) you have had during the past two years. (Use separate sheet if necessary)

5. Describe any community-related activities in which you participated and your role in them. (Use separate sheet if necessary)



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APPLICATION PROCESS applicants must submit the following:

- Application Form - Completed and Signed. (Incomplete applications will not be considered)
- High School or College Transcript - containing proof of GPA.
- If you are a **high school senior** you **must also submit proof of SAT/ACT scores.**
- Reference Letters – from two adults (one being a teacher or professor) addressed to the NISSAN/LULAC Scholarship Selection Committee. Include a complete telephone number and mailing address for each reference.
- Personal Statement – Typed of not more than 300 words describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to.

Mail Completed Applications to: (Incomplete applications will not be considered)
Applications must be received by or POSTMARKED June 15.

LNESC, Inc.
Attn: LULAC-NISSAN Scholarship
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 610
Washington, DC 20036

TIME TABLE

- June 15:** Deadline for turning in completed applications to LNESC National Headquarters, Washington, DC.
- August 15:** Finalists will be notified.
- Sept. 15:** First scholarship disbursement is sent to college/university.
- January 15:** Deadline for recipients to submit copy of their fall grade report and proof of enrollment for spring semester to LNESC National Headquarters, Washington, DC.
- January 31:** Second scholarship disbursement is sent to college/university.

This scholarship competition is open to residents of the U.S. except the children of employees of Nissan North America, Inc. and its affiliated companies, their advertising agencies, LULAC and LNESC staff, Board of Directors and members of the selection committee. LULAC/NISSAN reserves the right to modify or terminate this program in whole; or in part, in such manner as the company determines. All funding is contingent upon the continued support of the Nissan Corporation.

Please READ and SIGN below:

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to Nissan North America, Inc. and/or its business units, and/or LNESC to verify such information and to contact the schools I have attended and the individuals whose names I have given as references. I hereby authorize the college or university listed below to provide my cumulative grade point average and enrollment status to LNESC for the purpose of verifying eligibility should I be selected as a NISSAN/LULAC Scholar.

Name of College/University _____

Applicant Name (Print)

Signature

Date