



Hispanic Chamber of Commerce *Si Se Puede* Scholarship Application & Program

Qualifications

- Live in Lake County, Illinois
- A graduating Lake County, Illinois High School Senior
- Planning to enroll in college in the fall 2009
- A citizen or legal resident of the US
- Of Latino descent (at least one parent)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale)

Submit the following materials

- Scholarship Application
- Essay
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (written by an instructor, community member or employer)
- Official transcripts through junior year along with a copy of your senior first semester grades

Selection Process

Applicants will be evaluated on their financial need, outstanding academic, leadership, professional qualities that demonstrate a strong commitment to the cultural, economic, educational, or social advancement of the Latino community in their application and essay. Applicants who are selected will be notified by phone or mail to schedule an interview. It is important to note that the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's decisions will not be subject to appeal by the applicant or any other party.

I, _____ (name), certify that the information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that providing misleading information can result in the organization's refusal to consider my application or, if awarded the scholarship, withhold funds. I provide this information willingly and freely as part of the application for this Scholarship offered by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. It is understood that this information will be kept confidential by the Scholarship Committee and will become property of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Signature _____

Date _____

All *Si Se Puede* Scholarship applications must be received by January 31, 2009. Please mail to:

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Si Se Puede Scholarship Committee
5221 W. Grand Ave
Gurnee, IL 60031

www.lakecountychamber.com/hispanic-chamber-of-commerce.asp

Chamber Office Number: (847) 249-3800

Financial Information

Who lives in your household (parents, brother's sisters, etc.)? _____

Did anybody claim you on their previous year's tax returns?

Yes No

Will anybody else in your household be attending college during the same academic year?

Yes No

If your answer is yes, please provide further information for each individual...

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>College/University</i>	<i>Full/Part-time</i>

ANTICIPATED YEARLY SCHOOL EXPENSES		ANTICIPATED YEARLY INCOME	
Tuition & Fees	\$ _____	Money on hand for School, savings, etc.	\$ _____
Books & Supplies	\$ _____	Parent's Contributions	\$ _____
Room & Board	\$ _____	Part-time/Seasonal Work	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	Itemized other income (Trust funds, gifts, Social Security, etc.)	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Other Scholarships	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____	TOTAL INCOME	\$ _____

Essay Question

Please answer the following essay question. Your response should be typed in 12-point font and at least 1½ spaced and at least 500words. Applicants are asked to proofread their essays – paying close attention to spelling, punctuation, and content – before submitting application materials. It is important to note that essays that do not meet these requirements may not be considered and may result in the applicants being disqualified from scholarship consideration by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee.

What personal and academic qualities do you think make you a particularly deserving candidate for the *Si Se Puede Scholarship*? (Feel free to describe an academic or personal challenge you recently overcame, a project that required creativity or the ability to think critically, or an experience that you believe has contributed significantly to your personal and/or academic development).

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 Recommendation Form

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the recommender completes the form and writes a recommendation. Applicants are encouraged to request their Letter of Recommendation well before the deadline and instruct the recommender to place the Recommendation Form and Letter of Recommendation in a sealed envelope with their signature across the back flap. **Applications that include letters that are not sealed with the recommender's signature across the back flap or do not include the designated number of recommendations will be considered incomplete, disqualifying the applicant from consideration.**

Dear Recommender: The individual requesting a Letter of Recommendation is applying for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce *Si Se Puede* Scholarship. Please complete the following form and write a recommendation on their behalf, describing his/her personal and academic qualities and whether or not you believe he/she is a good candidate. **After completing the form and writing your recommendation, please seal both in an envelope with your signature across the back flap and return to applicant.**

Recommender Information

Name	Title
School/Company/Organization Name	E-mail
Mailing Address	Phone Number

How do you know the applicant?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
How long have you known the applicant?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 2 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 + Years		
How would you rate the applicant in the following areas?					
	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Do Not Know
Academic Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership Qualities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>