



Dr. Angela Perez Miller Scholarship Fund

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Latinos Progresando (LP) is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of immigrants and their families. In 1998, Luis Gutierrez founded LP and focused its efforts in Chicago's Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods. LP provides direct legal services for immigrants, initiates community education projects, and advocates for policies that benefit immigrants. LP also works with youth to promote educational attainment and participation in the arts.

In 2007, LP established a scholarship fund in honor of **Dr. Angela Perez Miller** (1937-2007). Dr. Miller's parents emigrated from Mexico to the U.S. in the 1920s and settled in Chicago's southwest side. After obtaining two master's degrees and a Ph.D from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Dr. Miller served as a teacher and administrator for Chicago Public Schools (CPS). For more than 30 years, Dr. Miller educated youth in Pilsen and Little Village, advocated for increased bilingual education classes in CPS schools, and demanded increased assistance and resources for Latino children, particularly those with special needs. After retiring from CPS, Dr. Miller taught bilingual education and educational policy classes at UIC and DePaul University.

In addition to being an educator, Dr. Miller served as board president of the Latino Institute, a civil rights think tank that addressed Latino concerns in Chicago. She also served as a member of Senator Miguel Del Valle's education committee and as a founding member of the Alivio Medical Center, which opened in 1989 to provide primary health care services to Latinos.

Dr. Miller, as noted by the Illinois General Assembly, "will be remembered by all who knew her as a passionate, compassionate, and fearless woman who focused herself fully on the success of Latino schoolchildren in the city of Chicago."

Sponsor

LP is extremely grateful to **Fichera & Miller, P.C.** for sponsoring the Dr. Angela Perez Miller Scholarship Fund. It is through their commitment and generosity that LP is able to provide financial assistance to Latino and immigrant youth seeking a college education.



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Amount

- LP will award six scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. The scholarship will go towards the 2012-13 academic year.

Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Admitted or enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program or certificate program at an accredited college or university
- Enrolled for at least 6 credit hours for the 2012-2013 academic year
- Demonstrated financial need
- Be a Latino or immigrant student
- Demonstrated commitment to community service
- Reside in the Chicago Metropolitan Area

Requirements

Applicants must submit the following items:

- **Application Forms:** complete and submit the Background Information Form, Financial Data Form, and the Certification Form (see below)
- **Transcript:** submit an official transcript from the school you are currently enrolled at
- **Resume:** submit a one-page resume that includes work experience, academic accomplishments, leadership roles, community service, and other relevant activities
- **Letters of Recommendation:** submit two letters of recommendation from people who know you well (e.g., high school teacher, counselor, employer, professor, academic advisor, coach); letters should be submitted on official letterhead.
- **Financial Aid:** submit a copy of your 2012-13 financial aid award letter from your college's financial aid office
- **Tax Form(s):** submit a copy of your 2011 federal tax form AND, if you are under 24 years of age, your parents' 2011 federal tax form
- **Essay:** submit a three-page essay (double spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman) that describes (1) your background and family background, (2) your personal and career goals, (3) your interest in your chosen major/field of study, (4) your community service and/or involvement in extracurricular activities, and (5) how the scholarship will help you while you pursue your education and goals
- **Deadline:** The completed application must be postmarked by **May 4, 2012**. The application is not considered complete until all required items are received. Mail all required items to the following address: **Latinos Progresando, C/O Scholarship Committee, 3047 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, IL 60623.**
- **Interview, Selection, and Notification:** The scholarship committee will review all application materials. Finalists will be selected and invited for interviews on either June 7 or June 8, 2012. After all interviews are complete, the committee will select the scholarship recipients and will recognize the recipients at LP's Annual Dinner on June 27, 2012, 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. All recipients **MUST** be present at LP's Annual Dinner to receive the award.

Questions: Please e-mail us at lpassociatesboard@latinospro.org or call 773.542.7077.



Background Information Form

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Home Address (Permanent Address): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Address (Dormitory or Apartment): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex (Male/Female): _____

Home Phone No: _____ Cell Phone No: _____

E-mail: _____

High School: _____

Graduation/Anticipated Graduation Date (month & year): _____ GPA: _____

College/University: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date (month & year): _____ GPA: _____

Current Classification: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

Major: _____ Minor: _____

For Fall 2012, do you plan to enroll full time or part time: _____

Financial Data Form

Please check your status: _____ Independent _____ Dependent (see definitions below)

Age _____ Do you live with your parents? _____ Yes _____ No

Do your parents claim you on their 2011 taxes? _____ Yes _____ No

Number of other brothers and sisters attending college in 2012/13: _____

Note: be sure to explain any unusual financial circumstances that apply to the 2012-13 school year in your essay.

Use 2012-13 annual costs: Tuition \$ _____ Fees \$ _____
Books \$ _____ Room/board \$ _____ **Total** \$ _____

Number of hours for which you will enroll in each of the following terms:
Fall '12 _____ Winter '12/13 _____ Spring '13 _____

System under which your college operates: Quarter _____ Semester _____

SECTION A: INDEPENDENT STUDENTS SECTION B: DEPENDENT STUDENTS

- Married students OR
- Students with children regardless of age OR
- Students 24 years of age and older OR
- Students who do not live with their parents and are financially self-sufficient.

1. Student's income \$ _____
2. Spouse's income \$ _____
3. Total or Joint income \$ _____
4. Number of dependents _____
5. Number of children _____
6. Family size (including student) _____
7. Family income as reported on tax forms.
Use Adjusted Gross Income on 2011
Federal Tax Return (Form 1040, Line 37;
1040A, Line 21; 1040EZ, Line 4)
\$ _____

- Any student who lives with his/her parents (when not away at school).
 - Students who get more than half of their financial support from parents.
 - Students age 23 or younger.
1. Mother's income \$ _____
 2. Father's income \$ _____
or Parent's Joint income \$ _____
 3. Student income \$ _____
 4. Total (Parents and student) \$ _____
 5. Number of children in family (include student) _____
 6. Number of dependents (including student) _____
 7. Family income as reported on tax forms.
Use Adjusted Gross Income on 2011
Federal Tax Returns (Form 1040, Line
37; 1040A, Line 21; Or 1040EZ, Line 4)
\$ _____



Certification Form

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all information in my application is correct. I also certify that I meet all scholarship eligibility requirements. I further understand that I may be disqualified from this scholarship if I provide inaccurate data. If I am awarded a scholarship from Latinos Progresando, I am aware that it is my responsibility to attend the LP fundraiser on June 27, 2012 from 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Checklist

- Background Information Form _____
- Financial Data Form _____
- Certification Form _____
- Transcript _____
- Resume _____
- Letters of Recommendation (2) _____
- Copy of 2012-13 financial aid
award letter _____
- Copy of your 2011 federal tax form _____
AND, if you are under 24 years of
age, your parents' tax form _____
- Essay _____

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