LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where do I send my application?
A. Please send applications to the nearest local LULAC council in your state as listed on the participating LULAC council list. The list will be available at www.LNESC.org on March 1st. Students can send their application to more than one council, however, they can only receive a scholarship award from one LULAC council.

Q. What if there is not a local participating LULAC council in my state?
A. Unfortunately, students are not eligible to apply if there is not a nearby participating LULAC council in their state.

Q. When is the application due? Can I email or hand in my application?
A. The application must be mailed to a participating council, and must be post-marked by March 31st.

Q. Who is eligible for this scholarship?
A. We encourage all high school seniors, full-time undergraduate students, part-time and full-time graduate students to apply to the LNSF.

Q. I will be transferring to another college/university in the fall. What school do I list as my college/university?
A. Please list the current college/university you are attending on your application. In addition, please provide an acceptance letter from the school you will be transferring to the next semester.

Q. Do I need to provide the last four digits of my Social Security Number on the application?
A. We encourage applicants to complete the entire application. If selected for a scholarship, we will need to verify your social security number.

Q. Do I have to be Hispanic/Latino to apply?
A. No. We encourage students from all backgrounds to apply.

Q. Do I have to be a LULAC member to apply?
A. You do not have to be a member of a LULAC council unless it is listed as a requirement by a council.

Q. My SAT/ACT scores will not be ready before the due date - can I send them separately?
A. We encourage applicants to send all application materials together. If this is not possible, please attach a brief letter indicating SAT/ACT scores will be arriving separately.

Q. Do I have to provide an official transcript from the school?
No, you can provide an unofficial transcript with your application.

Q. I am a college sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student; do I need to send a copy of my SAT/ACT score or provide my class rank and size?
A. SAT/ACT scores and class rank and size are only required for entering college freshmen.

Q. I have applied for financial aid, but do not know how much I will receive.
A. Please write financial award pending.

Q. I have not been accepted to any schools yet or I do not know what school I will be attending.
A. Please attach acceptance letters if available. If this information is not available, please write school acceptance pending. If you are undecided, please put an estimate for the costs of college expenses (board, tuition, etc.). If you decide to attend a school other than the one indicated on your application, please contact the council as soon as possible to inform them of the change.

Q. When will notifications be sent to scholarship recipients?
A. Notifications will be sent to scholarship recipients via email or mail by June 15th

Q. I have received a scholarship before, can I apply again?

A. Yes. Students who meet the eligibility requirements may reapply.

Q. If a student received a GED diploma, are they eligible to apply for the LNFS scholarship?

A. Yes. Students who have been accepted to a college or university are eligible to apply.

Q. The application deadline has passed; can I still send an application?

A. We encourage applicants to send the application before the due date. We cannot guarantee that an application will be accepted after the due date.

Q. How are scholarship recipients selected and how much are they normally awarded?

A. Each participating local LULAC council selects recipients based on different factors. Award amounts vary each year from $250 to $2,000. Based on the documentation submitted with your application, the council will award you the General Award, Honors Award, or National Scholastic Achievement award. To see the requirements for each award, please see below.

National Scholastic Achievement Awards ($2,000)

GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, and if the student is an entering freshman, 29 or higher on the ACT test, or 1350 or higher on the SAT test.

Honors Awards ($500 to $2,000)

GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, and if the student is an entering freshman, 23 or higher on the ACT test, or 1100 or higher on the SAT test.

General Awards ($250 to $1,000)

Grades and academic performance will serve as indicators of potential; however, an emphasis may be placed on the individual's motivation, sincerity, and community involvement.