August 15, 2011

Dear High School/College Counselor:

LUPE, Inc. will be awarding a scholarship to four Latina high school seniors or full-time college students who are currently enrolled in your institution. We are contacting you to help us distribute the attached application to those students who qualify for the 2011 LUPE Young Latina Leadership Scholarship. The deadline for the application is October 7, 2011 and scholarship winners will be announced shortly after the deadline. Each deserving student will be invited to receive their award during a special scholarship ceremony on November 5, 2011.

We look forward to your support in helping us identify prospective student applicants in good academic standing and who are active in their school and in their community.

Should you need additional information please contact us anytime by emailing younglatinaconference@yahoo.com. In the meantime, please visit our website for more information about LUPE: www.lupenj.org.

Sincerely,

Margarita Muñiz
LUPE President
Supporting the next generation of Young Latina Leaders

Application Postmark Deadline: Friday, October 7, 2011
August 15, 2011

Dear LUPE Scholarship Fund Applicant:

We are excited that you are applying to become a Young Latina Leadership Scholarship recipient. Your interest in applying to our Scholarship Fund indicates that you are focused and determined to positively affect your future through higher education.

The goal of LUPE is to help Latinas residing in the State of New Jersey to become successful leaders in NJ. It strives to unify professionals and goal oriented young Latinas under an umbrella of mutual help, self-sufficiency and community improvement.

Given the increasing cost of college, many students will not be able to pursue a college education without financial assistance. We encourage you to seek out a variety of financial aid opportunities, including private and institutional scholarships along with federal and state grants.

As you prepare to complete this application or other scholarship applications, please remember it is a competitive process. There will only be four applications awarded this year. Each award will be in the amount of $500 each. To ensure that your application receives full consideration, we suggest that you carefully read the eligibility requirements and follow the application instructions. We encourage you to also have a colleague proofread your work. Please retain a copy of the application for your records to use as a resource when applying for other scholarships.

We look forward to receiving your application and appreciate your sincere interest in applying to become a Young Latina Leadership Scholarship recipient. The DEADLINE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, October 7, 2011. Notifications to scholarship recipients will be mailed by Friday, October 21, 2011.

Sincerely,

Margarita Muñiz
LUPE President
EACH APPLICANT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship Award Criteria:

- Young Latina Women between the ages of 16 and 25 enrolled in full-time or going into an accredited four-year college or university
- Provide a Personal Statement demonstrating writing skills, personal strengths & goals, professionalism, financial need, community involvement, and other qualities we should know about you. Personal Statement MUST BE NO MORE THAN 500 words in English.
- Two Letters of Recommendation: At least one should be from a professor, teacher or a community leader where you volunteer.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
- Must be in good academic standing and have a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (transcript required)
- Essay: No more than 500 words addressing one of the essay questions below.

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic Achievement *(including GPA, and past academic performance)*
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement

Essay Questions *(please choose one)*:

1. Write about a Latina in NJ known to the community (politics, education, business, etc.) who has influenced you and tell us why.
2. What type of policy issues do you see as being important to the Latino Community and how would you address these issues?
3. List extracurricular activities and any community service projects you have participated in within the past 2 years and tell us how they have made a difference in your community.
APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- Transcript(s) with cumulative GPA (Unofficial Transcript is acceptable)
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Essay Questions Response
- Copy of permanent resident card, U.S. Passport, or a copy of your Birth Certificate

MAIL INSTRUCTION CHECKLIST:

- Complete, and submit application
- Sign application
- Write name on each document
- Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for acknowledgement of receipt of application packet.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION BY...

Friday, October 7, 2011

VIA US POSTAL MAIL TO...

LUPE Young Latina Leadership Scholarship Fund
492 Mount Prospect Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07104

VIA EMAIL TO…

Younglatinaconference@yahoo.com
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Type or print legibly, fill out all sections)

Social Security Number: __________-__________-__________  Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐

Name: First: _____________________ Middle Initial: _____ Last: __________________________

Mailing Address: (YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR NOTIFICATION AT THIS ADDRESS)

Number & Street: ____________________________________________ Apt. #: __________

City: ______________________ State: ______ Zip Code: ______ Phone: (____) _____________

E-mail Address: __________________________________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____/____/_____  Place of birth: __________________________

Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.? Yes ☐ No ☐ If “Yes” you MUST attach a copy of
your U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, or Resident Card.

Current School Name: _______________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________ City: ______________ State: ______ Zip: ______

What college(s) are you planning to apply/attend?

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What career path do you plan to study? ___________________________________________

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Certification and Authorization: (applicant must read and sign below). All of the information on this
application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that application materials become
the property of LUPE, Inc. and cannot be returned. I hereby authorize LUPE, Inc. to utilize information about
my application and my likeness for public relations purposes, publicity or other scholarship opportunities.

Please sign: ___________________________ Date: ____________________