GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
LATINO ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
AND
REY B. GONZALEZ SCHOLARSHIP

The Latino Achievement and Rey B. Gonzalez Scholarship Programs are competitive scholarship programs that are open to Governors State University students who meet the criteria below. Scholarship awards cover full tuition for a maximum of six semesters that must be taken within seven consecutive semesters. The deadline for submitting applications is June 1 for the Fall Semester and October 31 for Spring Semester (new scholarships will not be awarded for the Summer Semester although previously awarded scholarships can be used during the Summer Semester).

Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- At least one parent must be of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central American, South American or of other Latino ancestry regardless of race.
- Must be admitted to an undergraduate or graduate degree program at GSU.
- Must have a cumulative G.P.A of at least a 3.0 from prior schools and from GSU, if applicable.
- Must plan to enroll for a minimum of six (6) credit hours at GSU each semester.

Initial Application Procedures

- Applicants must complete application.
- The applicant must submit a personal statement that is no more than three type-written pages (double space) describing: 1) the applicant’s academic and professional goals and how receiving this scholarship will help him/her achieve those goals; 2) a description of the applicant’s community service and extracurricular activities; and 3) how his/her leadership skills will help ALAS/GSU increase the Latino student involvement on campus.
- A brief statement explaining the applicant’s financial need.
- The application must include two letters of recommendation from persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant’s academic potential and/or professional demeanor.
- The applicant must be admitted or enrolled at GSU by the application deadline.
- The applicant must provide proof that he/she is enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours at GSU.
- Completed applications must be submitted to the Latino Achievement and Rey B. Gonzalez Scholarships Screening Committee no later than June 1 for Fall Semester or October 31 for Spring Semester.

Obligations of the Scholarship Recipient

- Maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0.
- Be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester at GSU.
- Actively participate in the GSU Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) club. Scholarship recipient must assist ALAS in planning, organizing, and implementing ALAS events.
- Recipient must submit a statement to the committee two weeks before the GSU Early Registration Date of the upcoming semester, indicating his/her enrollment intentions for that semester and a description of his/her active participation in ALAS activities.
- The scholarship covers tuition for up to six (6) semesters, which must be taken within seven (7) consecutive semesters. The scholarship ends once the recipient completes his/her degree.

Failing to meet any of the above obligations may result in scholarship recipient losing his/her scholarship.

Please note that each scholarship can be used to support one degree only. Preference will be given to students seeking their first undergraduate degree.

All scholarship applications should be submitted to:

Latino Achievement Scholarship Committee
Governors State University
Office of Admissions
University Park, IL 60484
ATTN: Aida Martinez
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
Governors State University

LATINO ACHIEVEMENT _______  REY B. GONZALEZ _________
(check one or both)

Name________________________________________ GSU Student ID #________________________

Last__________First________________________

Address___________________________________ Home Phone ________________________________

Cell Phone ________________________________

Cumulative GPA for last 45 semester hours_______ E-mail _________________________________

City_______________________________________ State___________ ZIP Code_______________

Anticipated Date of Enrollment___________Major_____________________________________

Previous Schools Attended:

1. ____________________________________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________________________________

Are you receiving other tuition waivers, scholarships, or tuition reimbursements? ________________

Please check the applicable statement. I am:

_____Mexican or of Mexican descent

_____Puerto Rican or of Puerto Rican descent

_____Cuban or of Cuban descent

_____Central or South American or of Central or South American descent

_____Other Latino origin (Please specify)____________________________________________________

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   describing: 1) your academic and professional goals and how receiving this scholarship will help you 
   achieve those goals; 2) a description of your community service, extracurricular activities; and 3) how 
   your leadership skills will help ALAS/GSU increase the Latino student involvement on campus.

2. Submit a brief statement explaining your financial need.

3. Submit two letters of recommendation from persons who know you in either an educational or work 
   setting.

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