

2019 LUCHA LATINA



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## ABOUT LUCHA LATINA INC.

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Lucha Latina Scholarship! Lucha Latina Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering the lives of young Latinas across the United States from all walks of life—regardless of income levels and socio-economic backgrounds—In order to help them achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals. Lucha Latina aims to serve as a resource to young Latina women by providing financial aid, mentorship/guidance, networking opportunities, and potential career placements. Please visit our website [www.luchalatina.com](http://www.luchalatina.com) for more information.

## LUCHA LATINA SCHOLARSHIP & ELIGIBILITY

The Lucha Latina Scholarship was created to support and encourage young Latina scholars in their pursuit of higher education. As an organization founded by first-generation Latinas, we are fully aware of the obstacles women in our community tend to face while pursuing their goals. For that reason, Lucha Latina Inc. created this scholarship as an opportunity to allow high school students to get one step closer to achieving their dreams. We are proud to share that since 2015 we have awarded close to 20 scholarships! As a recipient of the Lucha Latina Scholarship, awardees will receive a stipend between \$500 and \$600 to assist with their transition to college. Please note, students interested in applying for the 2019 Lucha Latina Scholarship must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration:

- Must be a high school senior on track for graduation in the Broward or Miami-Dade County area or greater New York City area
- Must identify as a Hispanic/Latina woman
- Must provide proof of acceptance to a 2-year or 4-year university prior to receipt of award
- Have a minimum cumulative 3.0 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
  - \* If there is an extenuating circumstance as to why your GPA does not meet our requirement but would still like to be considered, please include an appeal letter with your reasoning

## SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must submit the following documents to [scholarship.luchalatina@gmail.com](mailto:scholarship.luchalatina@gmail.com) no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 12, 2019.

- Scholarship application & essay responses
- Official or unofficial transcript
- Proof of college acceptance
  - Such proof includes but is not limited to: a screenshot of a college acceptance letter, a college acceptance e-mail, or a letter from your school's guidance counselor
  - Please note while submitting your application if you are still pending a response(s) from your prospective University/College

## LUCHA LATINA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

As you begin your first year of your collegiate journey, we know there are a lot of questions and new obstacles you may encounter. If awarded the Lucha Latina scholarship, awardees will also be automatically enrolled in our mentorship program. Through this program, we aim to provide awardees with a multitude of resources that will help you navigate your first year. We have set guidelines that will help each young woman make the most of her college experience with her assigned mentor. Please note that adherence to the following guidelines is required and essential to the growth of the mentor-mentee relationship:

- Weekly communication with paired mentor
- Read monthly newsletter and interact with the monthly theme and activities
- Participate in check-in meetings and complete end-of-the-year feedback survey

## LUCHA LATINA COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Lucha Latina also provides students with the opportunity to foster growth and empower Latinas by opening collegiate chapters on their campuses. Lucha Latina collegiate chapters provide a safe space where one can develop dialogues and share best practices to support each other in a very tangible way, fulfilling one's professional, leadership and personal goals. We currently have chapters at the University of Florida and Lansing Community College in Michigan. If you are interested in furthering the mission of Lucha Latina and would like to start a chapter at your collegiate institution, please email us at [luchalatinafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:luchalatinafoundation@gmail.com) to help you get started. Please note, Lucha Latina collegiate chapters can be opened by any college student, not just scholarship recipients.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Lucha Latina Scholarship. For any inquiries, please contact us at: [luchalatinafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:luchalatinafoundation@gmail.com). *Si requiere la solicitud en Español, por favor contáctenos a [luchalatinafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:luchalatinafoundation@gmail.com)*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Apt No.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic/Latino Country of Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income: *(Please check one.)*

Less than \$25,000    \$25-\$35,000    \$35-50,000    \$50-75,000    \$75-100,000     $\geq$ \$100,000

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Unweighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, applicants must submit proof of acceptance and unofficial transcript prior to receipt of scholarship.*

If accepted as a 2019 Lucha Latina Scholarship Recipient, I give Lucha Latina Inc. permission to use my name, essay responses, and photo on their website, on their social media channels, and in their monthly newsletter to donors. Please note Lucha Latina Inc. will contact students regarding the use of any such materials prior to publishing.

Accept                       Decline

*With my signature below, I affirm that the information provided by me in this application is true and verifiable. I hereby agree to the terms and conditions outlined by the Lucha Latina Inc.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Questions

On a separate page, please respond to only (2) of the following essay questions. Please note the word limit for each prompt.

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**Question One:** What does it mean to be a Latina living in the United States today? *Please limit your response to 300 words.*

**Question Two:** If awarded the 2019 Lucha Latina Scholarship, how will this impact your educational endeavors and personal aspirations in life? *Please limit your response to 300 words.*

**Question Three:** What would you do if you were president of the United States? *Please limit your response to 300 words.*

**Question Four:** What do you think is the most prevalent issue affecting the Hispanic/Latinx community today? Some examples include machismo culture, health disparities, equal pay inequities, etc. *Please limit your response to 300 words.*

## Extracurricular Involvement

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*(Please list leadership position(s) within each organization(s) if applicable. You may email a separate document or resume with your application if preferred.)*

## Awards Received

*(Please list all additional scholarship(s) awarded and accomplishments achieved in the past academic year, if applicable.)*