



New York State Youth Leadership Council Awards Program 2011

Introduction

The NYSYLC promotes the advancement of immigrant youth and children of immigrants regardless of immigration status through leadership development, organizing and advocacy. We believe that improving access to higher education and creating equal opportunity for undocumented immigrant youth are a means to fulfill our mission.

Today many youth, especially immigrant youth, face financial burdens in attending college, largely due to our unjust and broken immigration laws. The **New York State Youth Leadership Council Awards Program** was founded in order to support immigrant youth by lessening this burden and enabling these promising young people regardless of their immigration status to continue their commitment to the immigrant rights movement and their leadership development.

Summary of the New York State Youth Leadership Council Awards Program

2011 will be the fourth year of the NYSYLC Awards Program. It is integral to the NYSYLC's mission to provide opportunities for immigrant youth to advance themselves and their communities pursue their dreams and continue to contribute to our society in the manner of their choosing. The NYSYLC Awards Program will provide monetary support to youth who aspire to being active in the immigrant rights movement and wish to continue their commitment in the coming years *regardless of their immigration status*. Priority will be given towards students with limited or no means to obtain financial aid for higher education. The award may be used for tuition, on-campus housing or books. Awardees will be selected based on academic achievement, community involvement, financial need and commitment to the immigrant rights movement.

Requirements

- * Registered Member of the New York State Youth Leadership Council
- * Currently a graduating high school senior planning to attend college in the fall of 2011, or a student attending college in New York or New Jersey (priority given to undergraduate students)
- * Is engaged or wishes to become engaged with the immigrant rights movement.
- * Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a scale of 4.0) upon application. May apply with GPA of less than 2.5 with one *additional* letter of recommendation.
- * If awarded, must attend a mandatory two-day leadership training developed by the NYSYLC on **Saturday July 16th and Sunday July 17th**.
- * If awarded, must attend the awards ceremony held in the NYC area (place and time TBA)

All applications must be postmarked by Monday, June 20th, 2011

Mail or drop-off your application to:

***The New York State Youth Leadership Council Awards Program
220 5th Avenue, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10010***

To become a NYSYLC member fill out the online membership form at

<http://bit.ly/becomeYLCmember>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 347-755-3303

OR send an e-mail to scholarships@nysylc.org



Must complete the following to apply:

1. Application form (make sure it is signed)
2. Statement of financial need
3. Transcript
4. **ONE** Letter of recommendation (**TWO** letters of recommendation are required if you have a GPA below 2.5)
5. Lists of extracurricular activities and work experience
6. Personal statement (optional)
7. Scholarship essay

1. Application Form

Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Current Permanent Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) - ____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Country of Birth: _____ Gender (optional): _____

Name of Current School (if high school senior, specify high school *and* college you will most likely be attending): _____

Name and Address of College/University Financial Aid Officer (if you receive an award, this is where your scholarship check will be sent):

Current year in high school (junior, senior, etc) or college, at time of application



3. Transcript:

Please attach a current academic transcript to your application.

4. Letter of Recommendation:

Submit **ONE** letter of recommendation that can attest to your character, academic excellence and/or commitment to serving the immigrant community. The letter can be written by a teacher or other faculty member of your high school or by an employer, etc. You need **TWO** letters of recommendation if you have a GPA below 2.5.

5. Extracurricular Activities:

List some extracurricular activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.) as well as public service and community activities you have had during your high school or college education (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.) List in descending order starting with the most recent activities.

Activity	Month/Year	Description



Work Experience:

List any work experience you have had during your high school or college education. This also includes paid or unpaid internships. Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order starting with the most recent experience.

Activity	Month/Year	Description

