WHAT IS LATINAS LEARNING TO LEAD?

The Latinas Learning to Lead Summer Youth Institute's main purpose is to train the next generation of Latina leaders. The Institute combines leadership training with technical and practical experience in a one-week comprehensive program in Washington, D.C.

The Institute focuses on personal and career planning, leadership skills, health and well-being, entrepreneurship and technological skills. There will be sessions on cross-cultural communications, conflict resolutions, public speaking, resume writing, and race, class, and gender issues. You will have an opportunity to interact with high-level Latina/o leaders during lectures, group exercises, and site visits. Up to 22 Latina undergraduate college students from diverse geographical areas and ethnic subgroups within the Hispanic community will be selected each year.

MISSION

To promote and foster the development of young Latina leaders through training, professional development, relationship building, and community and world activism.

PURPOSE

The Latinas Learning to Lead Institute was created to ensure that young Hispanic women develop their personal and professional potential to serve as leaders within the rapidly growing Hispanic communities in the US. The Latinas Learning to Lead Institute combines leadership training with technical and practical experience in a comprehensive one-week program.

BENEFITS

- Learn the significance of being a Latina leader
- Develop professional and technical skills
- Acquire valuable leadership and employment skills
- Learn to be an effective voice in your community
- Meet other outstanding and diverse young Latinas from across the country and become part of a powerful network
- Gain insight into public policy issues affecting the Latino community and meet with national Latina/o leaders
- Visit important sites in Washington, D.C.
**ELIGIBILITY**

- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program graduating no sooner than December 2008.
- Have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours by May 2008.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.
- Be between the ages of 17 and 22.
- Demonstrated leadership as indicated by volunteer and other activities.
- Have a strong commitment to Latina/o issues.

**YOUR COMMITMENT**

The program is intensive and requires your full attention and commitment. Participants must be able to travel to Washington, D.C. during the week of July 20-26, 2008. You must attend all training sessions. Upon completion of the program, you will be required to participate in a one-on-one or e-mail mentoring program with a professional NHLI alumna and you must also commit to mentoring two younger Latinas.

**COST**

The National Hispana Leadership Institute will cover airline travel, room and board and all classroom materials needed for the program. Students are responsible for covering their own medical and travel insurance and any incidental expenses.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for this program, the following items must be included in your application packet postmarked by **April 4, 2008**. You can download the application from our website www.nhli.org. (Click on Latinas Learning to Lead link)

- Personal Essay: Essay must be typed and at least 600 words in length. Include your name in the upper right-hand corner of the first page. Your essay should address the following:
  - *In your opinion, what are the major issues affecting the Latino community and how do you see yourself impacting change?*
  - *How has your Hispanic heritage impacted your life?*
  - *Why would you like to participate in the NHLI Latinas Learning to Lead Institute?*
- A copy of your most recent transcript (official or unofficial)
- Two letters of recommendation: One from your academic advisor or a faculty member from your college; the other from any adult you knows you well.
- Résumé including education, honors, extracurricular and community activities, and employment history
- Five copies of your application packet

**SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO**

National Hispana Leadership Institute - Latinas Learning to Lead  
1601 N. Kent Street, Suite 803, Arlington, VA 22209  
Phone: (703) 527-6007 • Fax: (703) 527-6009  
e-mail: nhli@nhli.org  
Website: www.nhli.org

**DEADLINE**: **APRIL 4, 2008**
1. Name: 
   Last
   First

2. Permanent Address
   Street
   Telephone
   City
   State
   Zip

3. E-mail Address

4. Birth Date / / Birthplace (City and State or country)

5. ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Non U.S. Citizen

6. Educational Background
   Name of Institution
   Major
   Minor
   Current GPA
   Expected Date of Graduation
   Total number of credit hours earned by May 2007

7. Your Address at School
   Street
   Telephone
   City
   State
   Zip

8. List extracurricular or community activities you have participated

9. Parent or Guardian’s Name
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10. Total Household Income $ Total # of Persons in Household

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11. Parents or Guardian’s Address:

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12. Hispanic Subgroup: ________________________________________________________

13. Do you have any physical limitations or handicaps requiring special accommodations?

14. Emergency Contact Information

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**STUDENT CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information submitted above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will be liable for all costs that NHLI may incur as the result of any misrepresentation, omission or willful inaccuracy that I include on this application.

Name of applicant (printed)

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