



## Latinos United for College Education Scholarships, Inc. (LUCES)

**“Providing brighter futures for Latino Scholars.”**

Latinos United for College Education Scholarships, Inc. (LUCES) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to “Promote and advocate for the higher educational advancement of Latinos through the provision of merit and need based scholarships”. LUCES offers a scholarship to Latinos entering or enrolled in an undergraduate program. Scholarships of up to \$2,000 may be granted for the fall semester.

**The deadline for the application is June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The LUCES Scholarship recognizes outstanding Latino high school students in their senior year, college students or adult returning students that have completed their GED/HSED who have shown previous involvement in volunteer, leadership, or community activities.

**ELIGIBILITY** - Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be of Latino or other Hispanic heritage.
2. Currently living in South-Central Wisconsin.
3. Grade Point Average (GPA) minimum of 2.5
4. Upon receiving the LUCES scholarship, recipients must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits during the semester in which they receive the scholarship at an accredited Wisconsin College or University.

**FUTURE REQUIREMENTS** - Upon selection scholarship recipients are required to do the following:

5. Record a 2-minute video. Recipients will receive instruction for the video.
6. Attend the LUCES GALA awards banquet.
7. Provide an individual photo.
8. Upon receiving the scholarship, you are required to participate in the mentorship program.

**SELECTION** - Based on financial need, response to short essay questions, recommendations, and high school transcript. LUCES reserves the right to interview candidates. A FAFSA is not required to apply.

Disclaimer: It is possible that your LUCES scholarship could replace some of your federal financial aid.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST** - Applicants must include the following items for consideration:

1. Complete and sign the LUCES Scholarship Application and submit by application due date.
2. Provide 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, volunteer program coordinator or other community member who can speak about your motivation for higher education and address your academic, volunteer, and community achievements. (English or Spanish)
3. Provide a copy of your high school or college transcript.
4. Letter of acceptance to enroll or proof of enrollment in 6 or more credits for the upcoming Fall semester.

**Email completed application packet in PDF by June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:59pm, to [board@lucres-wisconsin.org](mailto:board@lucres-wisconsin.org).**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**



## LUCES STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION** - Provide your contact information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **EDUCATION** - List high school or other colleges/universities you attended.

School and City	GPA	Diploma/Degree

Did you receive free or reduced lunch while in high school? Yes  No

### **RECOMMENDATION LETTER** - The two recommendation letters were written by:

1.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

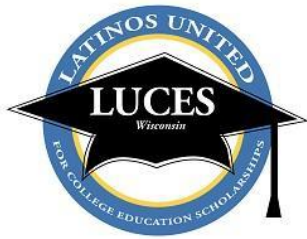
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING** - Provide information on school attending in the fall. If selected, scholarships are sent directly to the school's bursar's office to be applied to the student's account.

School or University \_\_\_\_\_

Bursar's Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_



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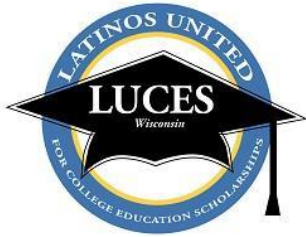
**ESSAY SECTION** - Type a brief essay in response to the topics below.

Please answer question 1 in Spanish and questions 2-7 in English.

1. ¿Qué ha significado para ti tu herencia Hispana/Latina?
2. Describe what your field of study interests you and why it is important to your future?
3. Describe your involvement in professional, community and/or extracurricular activities. List the organizations and activities. Include any leadership positions that you have held. If unable to participate, provide a brief explanation.
4. Describe financial barriers you face or have faced.
5. What do you see yourself doing five to ten years from now?
6. In the future, how do you plan to continue “giving back” to the community.
7. Additional Consideration – Describe any other recent major life changes that should be considered.

I authorize access and release to the LUCES scholarship selection committee all relevant information concerning financial resources I may receive, as well as high school and/or college academic records. This information will be used only for evaluating the applicant’s application. It will not be published or shared with others beyond LUCES board and committee members. I also authorize LUCES to share information from this application with Scholarship donors. To ensure a fair and objective review process, it is the policy of the LUCES Scholarship Committee not to comment on the deliberation of the awards committee. Thus, LUCES is unable to provide written or oral evaluations to applicants after decisions are made. No provisions exist for reconsideration of awards after scholarships are announced. All applications and supporting materials become the property of the Latinos United for College Education Scholarships and, as such, will not be returned.

With the submission of this application, I certify that the information I have supplied is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that knowingly submitting inaccurate or false information will result in the denial or loss of any scholarship offers or awards.



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### MEDIA RELEASE

This release concerns the release of the following to LUCES, Inc. to use to promote and carry out its mission.

This release covers a release of the media capture by:

- ✓ Photographs
- ✓ Videotape
- ✓ Film
- ✓ Audio
- ✓ Any other media described here of that may exist in the future

These images or images and sounds are collectively referred to in this document as “works”

I \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission to LUCES and its employees and agents to use the attached works. These works which contain my name, my image and/or voice may be used in educational and documentary materials, such as public service announcements, grant applications, video documentaries, printed newsletters, and on social media sites.

Therefore, by signing this release I give permission to LUCES to use the works for program promotion, materials, and any other purposes LUCES deems proper and necessary.

I understand that my participation and my decision to provide LUCES with works is strictly voluntary. I agree that my works may be used and disclosed by LUCES as described in this form as long as LUCES uses the materials in the manner described. As a result of signing this release form, I grant LUCES the following rights in the works:

- a) Irrevocable copyright in the name of LUCES
- b) To use, re-use, publish and re-publish in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs or images, in any medium and
- c) To place the works on the LUCES website and associated social media sites

I hereby release and discharge and hold harmless LUCES, its agents and employees, and any contractor or firm publishing and/or distributing the works in any format from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the works, including but not limited to any claims for defamation, invasion of privacy, or any other claim. I acknowledge that I received no financial compensation for the works taken of me. I am 18 years of age or older and have read this release and fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Email/scan your application with attachments to: [board@lucis-wisconsin.org](mailto:board@lucis-wisconsin.org) by June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
Scholarship award notifications will be sent by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**