

Northeastern University
Boston, MA

La Comunidad Latina en Acción (LaCLA) Scholarship



The LaCLA Scholarship was established in 1993 by a group of Latin@ students at Northeastern University whose aim was to increase the retention of Latin@ students at the University. The purpose of the LaCLA Scholarship is to continue academic excellence, while encouraging the involvement of students in servicing the community both on campus and off.

Eligibility:

1. Students must be **currently** enrolled and attending Northeastern University as a full-time day undergraduate degree program.
2. Students must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to NU before the deadline.
3. Students must complete and submit the LaCLA application with all required documentation by **4:30pm on February 13, 2009**.
4. Demonstrate a history of Community Service involvement
5. Students must have a GPA of **3.3** or higher.
6. Students must be United States citizens or permanent U.S. resident.

Award:

Awards are full tuition only (minus any federal and/or state grant and loan awards). The award does not include room and board. Eight awards are granted each year to students currently enrolled and attending NU full-time day undergraduate classes, in a declared major. **Financial need will be determined by NU's Office of Student Financial Services.** Awards are renewable annually for LaCLA scholars who maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, satisfactorily complete a minimum of 200 hours annually of community service, and attend LaCLA and Latino/a Student Cultural Center (LSCC) meetings, events and programs.

Application Process:

Submit ALL of the following materials by **4:30 PM on February 13, 2009**:

- ◆ Completed LaCLA Scholarship application, **typed**
- ◆ **Personal statement**, 4-6 pages **typed** and double-spaced. The statement must include following:
 - (a) How did you learn about LaCLA? What drives you to maintain a high G.P.A (3.3 or higher)?
 - (b) Explain your financial need or situation.
 - (c) Define your intended career goals and how you will impact the community
 - (d) Describe your volunteering experience, please be specific.
 - (e) If you were to receive LaCLA, describe ways in which you would give back to LaCLA, LASO, and the Latino/a Student Cultural Center and NU after graduation.
 - (f) Attach a list of the name, address and contact information for each organization for which you have volunteered or are currently volunteering.

AND

- ◆ One (1) Official Northeastern University **transcript**
- ◆ Copy of your 2008-2009 NU financial aid award letter
- ◆ **Two (2) Letters of recommendation:** At least, from NU Faculty or Staff, from an employer, and/or from someone who can verify your community service and/or work experience. *No family members.*

Please return the COMPLETED application by 4:30p.m. February 13, 2009 to:

ATTN: Sara Rivera, Latino/a Student Cultural Center, 120 FA
Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

Additional Information:

It is your responsibility to notify us should your contact information/ mailing address change.

For the purpose of this scholarship, **Community Service** is defined as the contribution of physical hours for which academic credit and/or monetary compensation is not awarded to the volunteer.

NOTE: Applications will not be accepted after 4:30PM, February 13, 2009.

The LaCLA committee reserves the right to conduct interviews to make final decisions for selecting the recipients of the LaCLA scholarship.

In order for funds to be deposited, students who are awarded the LaCLA scholarship are required to **meet with the LaCLA Financial Aid Counselor**, in the Office of Student Financial Services.



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