



Chicano Organizing & Research in Education (CORE)
Attn: Que Lleva Café Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 160144
Sacramento, CA 95816
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Fourth Annual Que Lleva Café Scholarship Instructions

Application Deadline: February 24, 2012

Amount of Each Scholarship: \$500

CORE proudly sponsors this scholarship to help undocumented students continue on their academic path. This scholarship is a response to the lack of financial aid that undocumented students face every day at their respective college. In particular, CORE seeks to support undocumented students that have met the rigorous academic requirements asked of them and hold the academic promise to achieve so much more.

The “Que Lleva Café” Scholarship aims to support the dreams, hopes and aspirations of college bound undocumented students so that they can earn their college education and allow for all of their hard work and sacrifice to persevere. This scholarship program strives to make a world of difference. **¡Ójala que lleva café!**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be of Chicano / Latino descent
- Must be an undocumented student. We define an undocumented student as someone who was born outside of the U.S. but lives here without the legal permission of the federal government.
- Must be or will be a high school/GED graduate who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the 2012-2013 academic year. Due to limited funds, current college students who have already graduated high school or received their GED will not be considered.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must demonstrate academic potential and promise.

Application Materials:

Please ensure that you provide all the items below and only those items. Failure to do so can result in disqualification of your application.

- Que Lleva Café Scholarship Application** – Please complete the application in full.
- One Letter of Recommendation** – You may submit an extra letter but only one is required. We will only accept a maximum of 2 letters.
- Personal Statement (1000 words maximum)** – Your personal statement must fulfill the following three things to be considered complete. Please read carefully.
 1. You must write a response to only one of the writing prompts below:
Writing Prompts:
 - a. Provide an autobiography that includes your dreams, hopes, and aspirations.

- b. How would you describe your high school experience and what do you expect to gain by enrolling in college?
 - c. What is your greatest motivation for attending college next year?
 - d. Sal Castro, one of the leaders of the historic East Los Angeles high school walk outs of 1968, has advocated the notion that people, including Chicanos, can bring about change by organizing, resisting, and transforming. How does the aspirations of a college education symbolize these ideals today?
2. You must indicate in your personal statement that you are an undocumented student. We define an undocumented student as someone who was born outside of the U.S. but lives here without the legal permission of the federal government.
 3. You must include a description of your current financial need as an undocumented student in your personal statement.
- Copy of High School transcript** – Submit your most current high school transcript. You may submit an unofficial or official transcript.

Should you be awarded a scholarship, we will ask for proof of college enrollment.

Instructions:

1. Send only the application materials listed above. **Do not include these instructions.**
2. Clearly label your Personal Statement as “Personal Statement” on the top right hand corner. **The Personal Statement should have a one-inch margin and be double-spaced.** If typed (*highly encouraged*), font should be Times New Roman, size 12. If hand written, writing must be legible and be written on ruled paper.
3. Provide all application materials into one large envelope in the following order:
 - a. Scholarship Application (*on top of all documents*)
 - b. Letter(s) of Recommendation (*behind Scholarship Application*)
 - c. Personal Statement (*behind Letter(s) of Recommendation*)
 - d. Copy of High School Transcript (*behind Personal Statement*)
4. **Everything must be mailed together.** Recommenders may provide sealed letters but they must still be mailed together with the other application materials. The same applies to high school transcripts. Please plan accordingly and give yourself sufficient time to gather all application materials.
5. **Only complete applications will be accepted.**
6. **Make sure your application is postmarked by February 24, 2012 and mailed to the address below. All unpaid/insufficient postage will be returned. Please use regular mail when mailing your application.**

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¡Good Luck y Ójala Que Llueva Café!

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