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Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. proudly opens applications for \$40,000 in Latina Student Scholarships

Since our founding in the Spring of 1986, the purpose of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. has been "to open doors of opportunity to the Latinas in our community. Our primary focus is Academic Excellence and meeting the needs of Latina women in higher education." Lambda Theta Nu continues to be committed to helping Latina women achieve their academic goals by providing them with financial resources to gain access to higher education. Since the Fall of 2000, our undergraduate members have fundraised to contribute to the creation of multiple scholarships. Historically each chapter distributed its own scholarships but as an organization we wanted to enhance our impact by collectively distributing to students in need. The goal is to help reduce the financial burden other students experience while pursuing their education. They also simultaneously aim to assist with retention efforts in institutions of higher education.

"One of the best parts about being in Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. is that we are able to give back to our communities, especially through the scholarships we can send out to Latinas who are planning on continuing their education! Latinas typically face a great number of barriers in life that can hinder their ability to obtain degrees, but we as an organization are able to change that, through the work of all sisters! It makes me proud to be part of an organization that constantly strives to give our community members access to academia," said the 2020 Undergraduate Philanthropist award winner, Celeste Rivera.

To honor the collective effort our undergraduates provide to create these scholarships, the selection process will be led by our undergraduates as well. A Scholarship Advisory Committee, consisting of undergraduate members, will be formed and trained to evaluate the scholarship applications within their respective regions. The committee will use an eligibility criteria rubric to give selected recommendations to the National Board, La Mesa Directiva. We rely on our members to volunteer and provide a fair and equitable evaluation that adheres to the intent of our two-pronged national philanthropy program, Tijeras.

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This year, Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. will be awarding **\$40,000** in scholarships. Specifically, we will be distributing ten (10) **\$4,000** scholarships to Latina women in pursuit of higher education. Scholarships are a puzzle piece of what creates a strong foundation for supporting students in their academic careers.

Students who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- ♦ Must be a woman (e.g. cis, trans, self-expression)
- Must be Latina
- Must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Must be a full-time student at an accredited 4-year college or university program in the Fall of 2020
- ❖ Must have financial need as determined by one of the following:
 - > Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - > Student Aid Report from the state (if applicable)
 - > Financial hardship statement due to immigration status and any supporting documentation for need
- Must submit the application by Monday, October 19, 2020 (11:59 PM PST)

No hard copies will be accepted. All applications must be submitted using the proper platform. Please click <u>here</u> to complete the application.

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. invites all of our members, friends, family members, colleagues, and fellow Greek community to share this with anyone who could benefit from this scholarship. We believe scholarships play an important role in making college more affordable and accessible and help pave the way for students to be successful in the pursuit and completion of their degree(s). We hope to make a difference in the life of ten young ladies looking to expand their education.

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About Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc.

Founded in 1986, Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. is nonprofit based on the ideals of community service, academic excellence, and sisterhood. Members represent a diverse group of women of different backgrounds, fields of study, and professional arenas. United by determination, strength, and honor; the sorority celebrates the richness of Latino culture, fosters academic achievement, and serves local, college campuses, and the community at large through a common bond of sisterhood. For more information, visit http://www.lambdathetanu.org