

February 1, 2010



Dear Educator:

The 19th Annual La Raza Youth Leadership Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010. In the past eighteen years the conference has provided Latino students the opportunity to participate in a full day of educational, informative and entertaining workshops. Since the mission of the conference is to provide a resource for young people to achieve their full educational, economic and social potential, it is our intent to recognize those students who exemplify this mission.

The Youth Awards Committee is seeking nominees for the 2010 **Youth Leadership Award**. The conference targets young students in two grade ranges: 6th-8th and 9th-12th. Two recipients from each grade range will receive a cash award in recognition of his/her scholastic achievements, leadership and community service. The recipients will be presented their awards at the conference.

I would like to enlist your help in getting this information out by asking you to ***PLEASE*** distribute the enclosed applications. The applications may be duplicated. The La Raza Youth Leadership Awards application must be received by **Friday, March 5, 2010**.

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact me at (303) 556-2322 (office), email pcmsap@ucdenver.edu, or youthawards@larazayouth.org. The application may be downloaded at www.larazayouth.org in Acrobat Reader or Word format. On behalf of La Raza Youth Leadership, I thank you for assisting us in identifying students deserving of the award.

Sincerely,

Junior Reina
Youth Awards Committee Chair
La Raza Youth Leadership Institute



YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

19th Annual La Raza Youth Leadership Conference April 24, 2010

The mission of the La Raza Youth Leadership Conference is to empower Latino youth to achieve their educational and leadership potential and instill the desire to give back to the community.

Over the past **eighteen** years the conference has provided thousands of young students the opportunity to participate in a full day of interesting, informative and entertaining workshops.

The Youth Awards Committee is seeking nominees for Youth Leadership Awards to distinguish those students who exemplify the conference mission. The awards recognize young students in two grade ranges: 6th – 8th and 9th – 12th. Students are rewarded for their scholastic achievements, leadership and community service. Award winners will receive a cash award presented the day of the conference and will have their biographies printed in the conference program.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be Chicano/a, Mexicano/a, and Latino/a grades 6-12.
- Must be enrolled and in good standing in a public, private or alternative school.
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- Must be involved in school activities and activities in the community.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION



19TH ANNUAL LA RAZA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Application**
- Transcripts (must have official proof of GPA)**
- Respond to the three (3) essay questions below.**
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from persons who can address the applicant's individual achievements, leadership and qualifications for the award.**

Please answer all questions completely. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Print clearly or type all responses.

Name (first, last) _____

Address _____
Street Apt. City Zip Code

Home Phone _____ Birth date _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

(**This form may not be used as a Registration form, please submit your registration to your school coordinator.)

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Limit your answers to no more than a full sheet per question and attach to application. Please be sure to write clearly.

- 1 Describe your involvement in school activities and activities in your community. Address each point below. How did you get started doing these activities? Describe your role and why are you involved. How long have you been involved in these activities? What do you gain from participating in these activities? How does the community benefit from your involvement in these activities?
- 2 How have you been a leader in your school or local community? Please describe in detail.
- 3 If you were to create a theme for our leadership conference, what would it be, and why?

Mail all materials to:

**Youth Awards – LRYLI C/O PCDP Junior Reina UC Denver
P.O. Box 173364, CB 147 Denver, CO 80217 Applications must be
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THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED AS NEEDED**