



## LATINO STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE

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Dear student/youth,

It is our pleasure to inform you that Latino Network is launching a new program called the *Latino Student Action Committee* (LSAC). LSAC aims to increase leadership and civic engagement among youth residing in the Portland Metro area. We are currently accepting applications and how that you'll apply!

Latino Student Action Committee participants will have the opportunity to:

- ❖ Improve the state of their community by leading a service project
- ❖ Learn and practice important leadership skills
- ❖ Work with other young leaders hungry to make an impact in their community
- ❖ Form relationships with Latino leaders while learning what local organizations are doing to improve the communities throughout the Portland Metro area

Latino Student Action Committee members will be required to participate in the following:

- Orientation
- Cohort retreat
- Two workshops per month (Approx. 15 sessions)
- Team building activities
- Service Learning Project
- Closing Ceremony and Project Presentation

**EVERYONE is welcome to apply! We welcome all students!** However, you must be in high school and between the ages of 14-18. Meetings will take place twice a month from October to June. They will tentatively be held on Saturdays and Thursdays (after school) at various locations throughout the Portland Metro area.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 23, 2017 by 5:00pm.**

The first LSAC meeting will take place Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 10:00am.

This program is free to all participants. Transportation costs will be subsidized as needed. Latino Network will also provide a meal and snacks at every meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Renzo Meza or Maria Vargas at the email addresses listed below.

Sincerely,

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# Latino Student Action Committee Application

## Program Objective

To increase leadership and civic engagement among Latino youth by providing them an opportunity to explore social issues in their community and lead efforts to solve them.

### **Applicant Information:**

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Guardian Information:**

Parent or Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign below to acknowledge your participation in the program.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolled in a Latino Network program? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If Yes, please write program name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Open-Ended Questions:**

*There are no right or wrong answers. Please complete your answers on a separate sheet and submit along with your application. Each response should consist of 100-200 words.*

- ❖ Tell us about yourself? Why do you want to participate in the Latino Student Action Committee?
- ❖ What issue would you like to see improved in your community? Describe how you see this issue being improved.

- ❖ What knowledge, skills, or experience do you bring to the Latino Student Action Committee that you will contribute to your cohort?
- ❖ Do you anticipate that your involvement in Latino Student Action Committee will impact your future? Explain why or why not.
- ❖ Meeting will take place every two weeks on either Saturday (9:30a-1:30p) or Thursday (4:30p-8:30p). We expect you to attend all meetings, possibly more when preparing for events or projects. What other activities (e.g., work, sports, music clubs) will you be involved in during this time and what is your plan for balancing all your commitments?
- ❖ Can you commit to being an active member of LSAC through June 2018?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- ❖ Circle three social issues from the list below that you are passionate about?

*Community Revitalization*

*Disaster Relief*

*Environment*

*Education*

*Unemployment*

*Housing*

*Healthcare*

*Homelessness*

*Youth Leadership*

*Poverty*

*Female Empowerment*

*LGBTQ Rights*

*Hunger*

*Disability rights*

*Public Health*

*Domestic Violence*

*Workforce diversity*

*Recreation/Sports*

*Technology*

*Other (please specify):* \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you! Please review your application to ensure all fields are complete. Once you are finished, please submit your application to your youth program leader or email it to [mariav@latnet.org](mailto:mariav@latnet.org).**