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January 19, 2012

Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from you of qualified individuals to be recognized at our 15th annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven, Connecticut.

In an effort to continue recognizing academic excellence among Hispanic students, community and organizational leaders statewide, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable candidates for the annual awards in the following categories:

- Hispanic Citizens of the Year;
- Promesa Youth Scholarship Award for High School Seniors and College students; and,
- Community Service Award (Presented to an Organization)

The awards are designed to recognize Hispanic men and women and one Hispanic organization in the state that have made <u>significant</u> contributions to our community. Last year, we received numerous submissions for outstanding individuals; *if your nominee was not selected for award, please do not hesitate to re-submit their name for consideration this year.*

Enclosed please find the criteria, nomination form and scholarship application for use in making your nominations for award consideration. Please submit names for those who meet the criteria outlined. It is imperative that the nomination be submitted in its entirety as we will not accept an incomplete submission. The deadline for submission of nominations is <u>Friday, April 27, 2012</u> It is vital that you act on your nomination as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended. Therefore, please submit your nomination(s) by the stated deadline.

Thank you for your participation and feel free to contact me at 860-240-8330 or email me at lucy.hernandez@cga.ct.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Qucia Goicoechea-Hernández*Lucia Goicoechea-Hernández
Special Projects Director/Grants Writer

Enclosures

cc: Commissioner Juan M. Pérez, Special Projects Committee Chairman Special Projects Committee Members Werner Oyanadel, Acting Executive Director



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Latino/a Citizen of the Year Promesa Youth Award - Male & Female Community Service Award

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Category I - The Latino/a Citizen of the Year Award Individuals must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the advancement, promotion and development of the cultural, social, economic and political welfare of the Latino community in Connecticut;
- Be at least 25 years of age;
- Be a resident of Connecticut; and,
- Be Latino/a or a non-Latino/a providing significant contributions to the Latino community.

Category II - The Promesa Scholarship Award for Youth - Male & Female Individuals must: (Several scholarships to be awarded of at least \$1000 per student.) Application is attached. Please highlight your current community work.

- Be of Latino Heritage Be a Connecticut Resident
- Have at least a 2.80 GPA Be a HS Senior or College student
- Submit an essay no longer than 1500 words on the following topics:
 - 1) What are your future endeavors after college in order to contribute to the Hispanic community? OR
 - 2) Name one or more leaders in the Hispanic Community at the local or national level that have contributed to the cultural, social, economic and political life in the United States
 - 3) College acceptance letter & High School transcripts are required with application FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY.
- Name three (3) people that you admire and why
- Name all the organizations and/or boards you have belonged to and community work that you have done in the past.
- Please submit 2 letters of recommendation One from a teacher and one from your Guidance Counselor.

Category III - The Community Service Award (Organizations Only) Organization must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the Latino community it serves;
- Have Latinos as its primary target population for its services and/or specific project;
- Have a significant representation of Latinos in its staff and Board of Directors; and.
- Serve Latinos in Connecticut.

<u>Deadline</u> for submitting nominations: <u>Friday, April 27, 2012</u>

Please be aware that your financial aid may be reduced by amount awarded to you by your college/university once you are selected by us.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: Nominations must be received by the DUE date. Late submissions will NOT BE accepted. Incomplete submissions will NOT BE accepted.

Nomination Form

PLEASE NOTE: All information on the nomination form must be filled out. All materials required with the form must be included and, most importantly, You must sign the nomination form. Your compliance with this little housekeeping request is most appreciated. Thank you.

Please provide information about your nominee. (This form may be duplicated as needed.) *If you nominate, you cannot provide a letter of support.*

Category: Latino/a CitizenPromesa Award**Community Service
Name:
Agency:
Address:
City/ Zip:
Phone: Day ()Evening ()
Instructions:
Please describe in detail, why this individual or organization should receive the award. Be sure to address how, you believe, this person meets the criteria previously outlined. (Attach additional pages as needed.)
*Important Note: All nominations must be accompanied by two letters of support in

**Separate student application must be received at time of nomination.

order to be considered.



Please provide information about yourself:

Name:	
Agency:	
Address:	
City/Zip:	
Phone: Day ()Evening ()	
Signature of Person Making the Nomination	Today's Date
Please check:	
() I have included two letters of support for each You may contact me for additional information.	nomination made. *
*If you nominate, you <u>cannot</u> provide a letter of supp two individuals other than yourself.	ort. They must come from
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Please send completed form with two letters of support to:

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Attention: Lucia Goicoechea-Hernández
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If you have any questions, please call me at 860-240-8330 or e-mail me at <a href="https://linear.ncbi.nlm.ncbi

Thank you for taking the time to celebrate the accomplishments of the members of the Latino and Puerto Rican community in Connecticut.

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NOTE: Family members of Commissioners and Staff are not eligible.
Commissioners and staff cannot nominate or provide letters of support.
Anyone related to a public official or whose family works for a public official is not eligible to apply for the scholarship.



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Student Phone:		*Letters of Recom	Enclosed	d Y N
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School Address:				
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For this	package to be considered complete, the following items must accompany it:
1)	Your official nomination;
<i>Ź)</i>	The two letters of support;
<i>3</i>)	Your essay;
4)	Your College Letter of Acceptance; High School Seniors Only
<i>5)</i>	Your High School Transcripts; High School Seniors Only
<i>6)</i>	Parental 2010 or 2011 Tax Returns and yours, if applicable; and
Ź)	This completed application by the deadline below.
	ackage will be accepted so long as it is mailed, walked in by you (or a entative) or faxed in by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 27, 2012.
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volunte	submit 2 letters of recommendation - One from a teacher or any one of your er organization(s) and one from your Guidance Counselor or in the case of a student - your Advisor.

Submission Deadline: FRIDAY, April 27, 2012