

Latin American Teachers Association – LATA

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Dear Senior:

The Latin American Teachers Association (**LATA**) is an organization whose mission is to promote bilingual/bicultural education and the advancement and success of Latino students and teachers in San Francisco. Every year, LATA awards scholarships to deserving Latino Seniors seeking post secondary education. Our priority is to support students who do not have access to traditional grants and scholarships.

Currently, LATA awards \$1500 scholarships for students enrolling in a four-year college or university or \$500 when enrolling in a community college or a trade school. Last year, we awarded 10 scholarships.

The scholarship process includes:

- **A completed application (see attachment.)**
- **A photograph**
- **Two letters of recommendation from certificated staff**
- **A copy of a high school transcript of record and the most recent progress report**
- **A Personal Statement (see application)**
- **A 500-word essay, typed and double-spaced, responding to the topic question: (It can be written in either Spanish or English.)**

Deadline: Friday, March 23, 2011. If you cannot make this deadline, contact me (see below).

Winners will be notified in mid April. Winners are expected to attend our annual **Scholarship Awards Dinner/Dance, Friday, May 4, 2011.** During this event, the winners and their families will be honored. Each recipient will enter free and will receive two complimentary tickets. Our special guests are: Superintendent Carlos García, Deputy Superintendent Richard Carranza and Assistant Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero, and our keynote speaker is Assistant Superintendent Verónica Chávez.

Do not hesitate to ask your high school or college counselor for help. You can call also call me at (415) 334-4187 or send an email to, mariteponce@yahoo.com.

Start completing the application today, **even if you think you will not qualify.** Do not wait! Please help us to disseminate this information to other Latino Seniors. Always remember, “Sí, se puede” as you work at it with effort and support. Nothing can stop you except yourself!

María Teresa Ponce
Chairman, Scholarship Committee