

# LATA Latin American Teachers Association

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Dear Future Latinx Teacher:

The Latin American Teachers Association (**LATA**) is a non-profit 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 gives scholarships to deserving Latino Seniors seeking post secondary education. Our priority is to support students who don't have access to traditional grants and scholarships (Dreamers welcomed).

For many years, we have been advocating for "**home grown**" teachers – Latinx who have grown up in our community, attended SFUSD, and are committed to giving back to our students. We have realized that we have to do our part by offering a **scholarship from \$1000 to \$5000** based on need and LATA resources.

**Criteria:**

- Latin American heritage
- Attended SFUSD schools
- Currently in college and accepted into a credential program
- Commitment to teach in SFUSD for at least 3 years
- Financial need

**To apply for the scholarship, please send:**

- A completed application (See below)
- A photograph (If accepted, you will have to send another "good foto" though email)
- Two letters of recommendation (from professors, mentors or supervisors from a community organization in which you participate)
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance in a teacher credential program
- A Personal Statement (See application)
- Everything can be written in Spanish or English and sent through Email and does not have to be on this form. Just make sure you answer all the fields.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in March.** If you cannot make this deadline, contact us.

Winners will be notified by April 10th. Winners are expected to attend our annual **Scholarship Awards Celebration, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May.** During this event, all winners and their families will be honored. Each recipient will enter free and will receive ONE complimentary ticket.

Pilar Mejia  
Teacher Scholarship Committee

# LATIN AMERICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION- LATA - Teacher Scholarship Application

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(Please print or type)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools you have attended, with level (elementary, middle, high schools, etc.) & cities if outside of SF.

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(Use another sheet if needed.)

Current College or Teacher Prep program \_\_\_\_\_

**1. ATTACH: Two Letters of Recommendation:** One from a teacher, counselor, or some other SFUSD school staff; one from someone who has supervised you or mentored you in a community group. You can also ask them to Email it to [sflata@yahoo.com](mailto:sflata@yahoo.com) with your name in the Subject line and the body of the letter. Write their names, and email below:

**Name**

**Email**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List the TOP 3 extracurricular activities with a one-sentence description** (let us know if it is a school activity like clubs, etc., volunteer work in the community, or a job, etc.). You may use another sheet, but list them in order of importance.

**Activity**

**Description**

**Your role**

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3. What do you plan to teach (grades, content area, etc.):

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4. ATTACH a Personal Statement: Write a 500 (maximum, double spaced) essay describing yourself, including your family background, place of birth, schooling, challenges you have faced and may continue to face as you go to college, why you want to go into education, and what your hopes are for your future and the future of your community. You can write anything about your life that you may want to share...and why you think we should award this scholarship to you. Include what you have done to promote social justice, how you see yourself helping your community...what you will give back. You can write in Spanish or English.

5. ATTACH a short letter making a commitment to work in the SFUSD for at least 3 years and why you are willing to do this.

6. What other scholarships have you received or applied for?

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Mail your application with all required documents by:

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday in March (every year)**

to: Pilar Mejia, LATA Scholarship Committee

333 Clipper St.

San Francisco, CA 94114

All scholarship recipients are expected to attend our

**Scholarship Dinner/Dance Celebration on**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May 4**

**at El Patio Español on 2850 Alemany St. SF 94112**

You will also be expected to give a very brief speech.

If you have any questions, email us at [sflata@yahoo.com](mailto:sflata@yahoo.com) or

call Pilar at 415-412-3887, and

go to our website for more applications: [www.latasf.org](http://www.latasf.org).