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**Future Educator Scholarship Fund**

**Student Application**







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**The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) is a national organization effectively serving the educational needs of Latino youth through the professional development of administrators and was established to assist educational leaders in advocating for resources and policies that benefit students in general and Latino students. The New York State Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (NYSALAS) is an ALAS Representative Region. We were established in 2015 to serve and support Latino educational leaders and to ensure educational equity for all students especially those of Latino heritage**.

**The mission of NYSALAS is to build a collaborative network of aspiring, current and retired school administrators from across New York State of Latino background and those interested in supporting local, regional, and statewide efforts to support the teaching and learning of all NYS students -with an emphasis on increasing opportunities and outcomes for Latino students.**

**Education is an important part of our mission, and we have made it a priority to aid and encourage our Latino youth to pursue higher education. We realize the cost of college can be a major financial barrier to higher education for Latino youth and as part of our education effort we are proud to announce our second annual NYSALAS: “WE SOAR” Future Educator Scholarship. Each region will award two (2) $500.00 scholarships to Latino high school graduating seniors intending to pursue a course of study as a bilingual educator.**

**The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by the NYSALAS Scholarship Committee. Applicants will be notified by April 5, 2024, and scholarship winners are invited to attend our Student Scholarship Gala on May 3, 2024, at Villa Barone Manor, Bronx, NY to be honored.**

**We would appreciate if you would provide copies of the enclosed application form to any members of your Senior Class who are eligible.**

**Note that the deadline for submission is March 30, 2024.**

**If you have questions about the scholarship program or its requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the Scholarship Committee at** **scholarship@nysalas.org****.**

**We look forward to your school’s participation.**

**Sincerely,**

**Eudes S. Budhai**

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**Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be considered for NYSALAS: “WE SOAR” Future Educator Scholarship” applicants must:

* Graduating high school seniors of Latino descent
* Bilingual or Multilingual \*
* Previously volunteered in civic and /or community service
* Committed to strong academic and personal achievement
* Demonstrate financial need
* Plan to pursue a career as a bilingual educator

\*For purposes of this scholarship we define bilingual/multilingual as a student who speaks two or more languages. (For example- Bilingual- speaks English and Spanish Multilingual speaks English, Spanish and French)

Please note citizenship is **not** a requirement.

**Application Process**

Applicants must submit the following to be considered for the NYSALAS scholarship:

* Completed and signed NYSALAS application form
* Letter of recommendation from teacher, guidance counselor, mentor or community leader.
* Essay of 300-500 words (maximum), addressing your heritage background, academic achievements, and personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and potential for future success and contribution to the community as a future bilingual educator. The essay can be in English or Spanish. A video in English or Spanish of no more than 3 minutes in length may be submitted as an alternative to the essay.

**Deadline: Complete applications must be submitted via email to** **scholarship@nysalas.org** **by March 30, 2024.**

**Please note this application is fillable. You may type directly on fields. Once you have completed the application save the document and use your first name and last name as file name.**

For questions about the scholarship, contact us at scholarship@nysalas.org.

**NYSALAS: “WE SOAR” Future Educator Scholarship Fund Student Application**

**I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name:

 First Middle Last

Home Address:

City, State, Zip

Phone Number:                           Email:

Ethnicity:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Name of High School:

Address of High School:

City, State, Zip

Phone number of school:

Name of principal:

Email of principal:

Name of District:

Address of District:

City, State, Zip

Phone number of District:

Name of Superintendent:

Email of Superintendent:

Are you bilingual/multilingual? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please indicate languages spoken

Are you a first-generation college student? [ ]  Yes [ ] No

I plan to pursue a career as a bilingual educator [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

II. **MAJOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/** **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years (e.g. Student government, Clubs Performing Arts, Sports, etc.)

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| Activity  | Years of Participation | Special Awards, Honors  |
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List all community activities in which you have participated in without pay during the past four (4) years (e.g. Scouts, Church involvement, Volunteer work, etc.)

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| Activity  | Years of Participation | Special Awards, Honors  |
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**III. FINANCIAL NEED:**

Please describe any financial needs, unusual family and/or personal circumstances.

***IV. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY***

The top three, accredited colleges, universities, vocational schools, I have applied to for the upcoming Term are:

1.

2.

3.

**V. Essay/Video Submission**

I am submitting an [ ]  Essay [ ]  Video

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**Essay:** Please type an essay of 300-500 words (maximum) addressing your heritage background, academic achievements, and personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and potential for future success and contribution to the community as a future bilingual educator. In addition, please discuss any community service or extracurricular activities you have been involved in that relate to your goals. The essay can be written in English or Spanish.

**Video:** Please submit a 3-minute video in MP3 or MP4 format (maximum) addressing your heritage background, academic achievements, and personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and potential for future success and contribution to the community as a future bilingual educator. In addition, please discuss any community service or extracurricular activities you have been involved in that relate to your goals. Video can be in English or Spanish. Please provide link below:

**VI. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please attach one letter of recommendation from a principal, assistant principal, teacher, guidance counselor, mentor or community leader who is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, skills, community service and volunteerism activities. **Letter must be on official letterhead, have the name of the referee and their title either in the letter or at the signature.**  **The contact information (phone number and an email) of the referee must be on the letter of recommendation.**

I     hereby certify that all of the information in this scholarship application form is accurate and complete. I understand that all the information contained in this form will be treated confidentially and will be used for institutional purposes only. Information will be shared with the appropriate Review/ Approval Committees. If awarded a scholarship, the organization may utilize this information for academic and/or promotional related issues in reference to the scholarship.

Please type your name as an electronic signature:

Date:

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**Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please be sure to email the completed application with the supporting documentation listed below to** [scholarship@nysalas.org](http://scholarship@nysalas.org)

 **no later than March 30, 2024.**

**[ ] Completed, signed, and dated application form**

**[ ] Typed personal essay of not more than 500 words or link to MP4 video of not more than 3 minutes**

**[ ] Signed and dated letter of recommendation**



**For internal use only:**

**Date application received:**

**Date application reviewed:**