



Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund

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“Fulfilling Our Dreams” Dreams”

2004 Scholarship Application

**Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund, SALEF
-Education for Excellence-**

"Fulfilling Our Dreams" Scholarship Fund

Since SALEF's foundation in 1995 by a group of Salvadoran immigrants and activists, our biggest dream has been to provide educational assistance to Salvadoran, Central American, and other Latino students. We knew that in order for our communities to fully realize their dream of economic prosperity and political empowerment, we needed to help open the doors to higher education.

In keeping with this mission, we began our "Fulfilling Our Dreams" Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to Salvadoran, Central American, and Latino high school and college students. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,500, and are awarded annually.

SALEF places a high premium on community service and social change, and so recipients are asked to serve as a mentor to a high school or elementary school student who may not otherwise have a "role model" to look up to for guidance, helping us create a network of educational support for our communities.

We also partner with area colleges, universities, and government officials to promote the expansion of opportunities through informational fairs, application assistance and financial aid information. Our "Fulfilling Our Dreams" Scholarship Fund is just one of a series of programs which aims to fulfill our vision.

SALEF's Mission is to promote the civic participation and representation of the Salvadoran and other Latino communities in the U.S., promote the economic development and democracy in El Salvador, as well as to advocate for its economic, educational, and political advancement and growth.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants of Central American and other Latino background.
- Applicants who demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants with a minimum G.P.A of 2.5
- Applicants with a history of community involvement.
- Applicants must be graduating High School students accepted to a four-year accredited university, current undergraduate, graduate and doctorate students, transferring students or undocumented students attending a community college.
- Applicants willing to give back to the community by becoming a mentor to a high school student or by serving 80 community service hours.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

***Washington D.C, Maryland, and Virginia applicants must be of Salvadoran descent to be eligible to apply. Five (5) scholarships will be awarded to students from these three states.**

**** Twelve scholarships will be awarded to Central American students pursuing health related degrees and/or careers in California.**

Please note:

This scholarship is a one-time award. Former SALEF Scholars may not re-apply for the scholarship.

Please read the following before submitting your application.

- Send **all** the required documents with your completed application postmarked no later than **JUNE 30, 2004**.
- Applications postmarked after the deadline **will not** be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Applicants must be available for interviews during September 2004.
- Finalists will be notified of date, time and place of final interviews via mail and/or telephone.

Please mail or deliver completed applications with all required documents to:

**Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund (SALEF)
"Fulfilling Our Dreams" Scholarship
ATTN: Educational & Youth Programs Manager
1625 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 718 ~ Los Angeles, CA 90015**

Questions? Please contact Mayra Soriano at (213) 480-1052 or via email at msoriano@salef.org

1) Letters of Recommendation

- ❖ Each applicant must submit at two letters of recommendation. Letter should be on official letterhead and should address the following:
 - Recommender's relationship to the applicant.
 - Engagement of time acquainted with the applicant and at what capacity.
 - Applicant's goals/aspirations/strengths/weaknesses.
 - Examples of community/educational/leadership involvement.
 - Assessment of the applicant's overall potential to succeed in college.

2) Personal Essay

- ❖ In a written statement of no more than 800 words, please describe the following:
 - Your background, including family, upbringing and challenges/obstacles.
 - Goals/aspirations/ambitions including short and long-term goals.
 - Your leadership involvement and ways you have contributed to your community.
 - Why you chose your field of study.
 - How you plan to contribute to the community after graduation.
 - Your personal story

3) Résumé

- ❖ Please include paid and unpaid experience, highlighting your volunteer and community involvement, as well as certificates, awards and special honors received and a complete educational history.

4) Official Transcripts

- ❖ Must be official transcripts with school seal and/or authorized signature. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

5) Copy of parents' and your own 2003 Federal Tax Return

7) Copy of your Federal Financial Aid Award Letter or SAR

8) Color photograph (not larger than 3 ½ X 5) and the RELEASE AUTHORIZATION FORM (attached)

APPLICATION

Please complete all sections of the application form. Follow the instructions provided for each section of the application. If a section does not apply to you, write N/A or "Not Applicable". Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Do not fax nor email applications.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address
City/State Zip Code

Permanent Address: _____
StreetAddress
City/State Zip Code

Social Security No.: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year
Gender: Female Male
(circle one)

Contact Information:
Home: (____) _____ - _____
Cell/Pager: (____) _____ - _____
Email: _____

- Circle one:**
- ◆ Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No (for statistical purposes only)
 - ◆ Are you a permanent resident? Yes No (for statistical purposes only)

(PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR CITIZENSHIP STATUS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR CANDIDACY)

Ethnicity: (please specify country)

- Salvadoran
- CentralAmerican _____
- Mexican/Mexican American
- SouthAmerican _____
- OtherLatino _____

Parent Information:
Mother's Name: _____
Father's Name: _____

- Circle one or fill in the blank:**
- Marital Status: Married Single
 - Number of dependents: _____

II ACADEMIC INFORMATION

(Please complete all sections. If not applicable write "N/A")

Instructions:

- If you are a graduating high school senior please complete section A.
- If you are a current undergraduate student please complete section B.
- If you are a graduate (and above) student please complete section C.
- If you are a transferring student complete section D.

A. GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

- Current High School: _____
- GPA (4.0 scale): _____
- Graduation Date: _____
- College you will be attending in Fall 2004: _____
- Expected Academic Major(s): _____

B. CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- Current College/University: _____
- Level: _____
Fr/So/Jr/Sr
- GPA (4.0 scale): _____
- Expected Graduation Date: _____
- Academic Major(s)/Minor(s): _____
- High School Attended/Graduation Date: _____

C. CURRENT GRADUATE (AND ABOVE) STUDENTS

- Current School: _____
- Academic Program: _____
- Year/Level: _____
1st/2nd/3rd+
- Expected Graduation Date: _____
- Undergraduate Degree: _____
- Undergraduate School: _____

D. TRANSFERRING STUDENTS:

- Current College/University: _____
- School Transferring to: _____
- Level: _____
Fr/So/Jr/Sr
- GPA (4.0 scale): _____
- Expected Graduation Date: _____
- Academic Major(s)/Minor(s): _____

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Are you a dependent? Yes No Number of Family Members: _____

Family Annual Income: _____ Number of Family Members Attending College (include yourself): _____

Personal Income (cash, savings, etc.): _____

Have you received other scholarships? Yes No
 If yes, what organizations provided the scholarship and in what year?

**Please provide an estimate of the following for the academic year for which you are applying.
 (Please note you will be asked for proof of these items)**

<i>Estimated School Expenses</i>		<i>Estimated Income</i>	
Tuition/Fees	\$ _____	Scholarships/Grants	\$ _____
Books/Materials	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Room/Board	\$ _____	Family Support	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____	Employment	\$ _____
		Other _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____

IV. APPLICATION CERTIFICATION *If under 18 years of age, parent signature required:*

I certify that all information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize SALEF to verify any information submitted as part of this application. I understand that any falsifications will result in the disqualification of my application.

I also understand that any changes in school and/or enrollment status, must be reported to SALEF, failure to comply may lead to disqualification of my scholarship award if selected as a recipient.

I authorize the use of the application and its contents (personal statement and picture) become the right of SALEF and may be used, including but not limited to advertising/marketing, program reports, newsletters and other publications.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION



SALEF "FULFILLING OUR DREAMS" SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2004

Date: _____

To: Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund
"Fulfilling Our Dreams" Scholarship Program
1625 W. Olympic Blvd, Suite 718
Los Angeles, CA 90015

From: Name: _____

Address: _____

I, the undersigned, authorize the Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund to reprint my personal statement and/or photograph for all rights, including but not limited to advertising/marketing, program reports, newsletters and other publications.

I, understand that my personal statement may be edited for grammar, clarity and/or suitability, as deemed necessary.

I also understand that my personal statement and/or photograph may or may not be used and that my photograph will not be returned.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____