

MORENO/RANGEL LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation, Inc.

The Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation, Inc., established by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, is a non-profit, non-partisan corporation committed to fostering the development of leadership skills among Latino youth. The Foundation accomplishes this goal by sponsoring the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program and encouraging the involvement of young Latinos in the political process. Providing an environment for the advancement of future leaders, the Legislative Leadership Program will offer undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the functions and operations of the Texas House of Representatives. Students will learn not only how state government works and interacts with the public, but will also become better equipped to serve the communities they represent.

Program Description

Named after the longest serving Hispanic member of the Texas House of Representatives, Paul C. Moreno (El Paso), and the first Mexican American woman to serve in the Texas Legislature, the late Irma Rangel (Kingsville), this program will provide a unique opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students from across Texas to gain first-hand experience working in the Texas House of Representatives during the 82nd Legislative Session. Participating in the legislative process, students will be placed with one of the 44 Caucus members and serve as full-time policy interns and fellows. Interns (undergraduates) and fellows (graduate students) will work alongside experienced legislative staff and participate in weekly seminars where they will interact with various other interns and fellows, elected officials and state agency representatives.

In addition to learning the legislative process and developing their leadership skills, participants will receive a monthly stipend to assist with living expenses. The Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program begins on the first day of the legislative session, January 11, 2011, and ends the last day of the session (*sine die*) on May 30, 2011. Interns and fellows will be required to work full-time in Austin, Texas, for the entire duration of the legislative session.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a two or four year accredited institution, having completed at least 60 hours (Recent graduates are welcome to apply)
- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older (as of January 11, 2011)
- Applicant should possess excellent composition and communication skills
- Leadership potential should be evident based on community/extracurricular involvement, recommendations and supporting documents
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point (GPA) average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Recommendations

Applicants are asked to submit no more than three letters of recommendation from individuals other than family and friends who can attest to the applicant's personal, professional, and academic integrity. Letters should provide the selection committee thoughtful examples of the applicant's: leadership experience and potential; community involvement; major strengths and weaknesses; areas for improvement and development; and lastly, describe how the applicant would benefit from the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program.

Work Requirements/Academic Credit

Applicants should understand that all program participants will be considered full-time staff by the members' offices where they are placed. **Though responsibilities may vary from office to office, program participants should expect to work beyond a typical 40-hour work week.** The determination of how many credit hours the Legislative Leadership Program qualifies for will vary among colleges and universities - it is the student's responsibility to learn how their respective schools award academic credit.

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2010 Application (for the 82nd Texas Legislature)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Current Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____
(work/mobile/home) (work/mobile/home)

Social Security Number: _____ Gender: Male Female

Email: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Hispanic Heritage: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(ex: Mexican American, Puerto Rican, etc.)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Name of University/ College	Location	Dates Attended	Major/Minor	GPA	Semester Hours

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Have you ever participated in an internship within the Texas Legislature? Yes No

Are you related to a current member or staff of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus? Yes No

Who is your Texas State Representative? _____

Program Calendar	
Regular Application Deadline	November 4, 2010
Determination of Finalists	November 14, 2010
Notification of Participants	December 1, 2010
Program Begins	January 11, 2011
Program Ends	May 30, 2011

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In no more than two pages (500 – 750 words); describe the family, work, educational, and community experiences that have led you to apply for the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program. Please answer how these experiences relate to your long-term personal goals, and how this legislative experience will contribute to your future leadership within the Latino community. (Applicants are also encouraged to describe any special circumstances they feel would give the committee a better understanding of the applicant's personal history.)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that the information submitted above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any willful falsification in my application and supporting documents will result in my disqualification from the MORENO/RANGEL LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM. I verify that I am not related to any member, or spouse of a member, of the: Foundation staff or Board of Directors or Texas House of Representatives. I also hereby give permission to the Foundation to use this information for recruitment purposes on the Foundation website and other informational materials.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Application Checklist

- Completed application form
- Résumé listing education, honors, extracurricular activities, community involvement, employment history and special skills
- Personal statement
- Sealed academic transcripts from all attended institutions (may be sent separately but must be postmarked by November 4, 2010)
- 3 letters of recommendation from individuals other than family and friends (may be sent separately but must be postmarked by application due date).

Regular Application must be postmarked by November 4, 2010

Please mail completed application to:

**MALLF Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program –
202 W. 13th Street, Austin, Tx 78701**

QUESTIONS? Call 512-236-8410