

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 college-level students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience on the functions and operations of the Texas House of Representatives. These students will not only learn how state government interacts with the public, but they will become better equipped to serve the communities they represent.

Program Description

In continuing with its long-standing commitment to education and the development of tomorrow's leaders, the Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the establishment of the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program.

Named after the longest serving Hispanic members of the Texas House of Representatives, Paul C. Moreno (El Paso) and Irma Rangel (Kingsville), this new program will provide a unique opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students from across Texas to gain governmental experience working in the Texas House of Representatives during the 81st Legislative Session. Participating in the legislative process, students will be placed with one of the Caucus members and serve as full-time policy interns. Interns will work alongside experienced legislative staff and participate in weekly seminars where they will interact with various other interns, elected officials, and state agency representatives.

In addition to learning the legislative process and developing their leadership skills, interns will receive a \$2,050 monthly stipend to assist with living expenses. The Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program begins prior to the first day of the legislative session on January 8, 2009, and ends the last day of the session (*sine die*) on June 1, 2009. Interns will be required to live and work full time in Austin, Texas for the entire duration of the Legislative Session.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an undergraduate/graduate student enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited institution in the state of Texas, having completed at least 60 hours (Recent graduates are welcome to apply)
- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older (as of January 1, 2009)
- 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 average (GPA) 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 with 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 his/her school awards academic credit.

Program Calendar

Application Deadline (Postmark Date):	October 21, 2008
MALLF Reading of Applications (Stage I):	Late-October 2008
Determination of Finalists (Stage II):	Early/Mid November, 2008
Notification of Final Participants (Stage III):	Late-November, 2008
Program Begins (Orientation):	January 8-9, 2009
Program Ends:	June 1, 2009

Application Questions

To download and print an application, please go to www.mallf.org.

If you are interested in applying for the program and are having trouble downloading the application or have any questions regarding the application process, please e-mail Alberto de la Torre at adelatorre@mallf.org. Include your name, mailing address, college/university, school year (i.e., senior), e-mail address, and phone number.

Please mail the completed application to:
MALLF, Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program
202 W. 13th St.
Austin, Texas 78701

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Organization	Position/Responsibilities	Dates

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Organization	Position/Responsibilities	Dates

PERSONAL STATEMENT

In no more than two pages, 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 Mexican-American/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 any member of the Texas House of Representatives. I also hereby give permission to the Foundation, Inc. to use this information for recruitment purposes on the Foundation, Inc. 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 transcript from current institution (may be sent separately but must be postmarked by October 21, 2008)
- 3 letters of recommendation from individuals other than family and friends (may be sent separately but must be postmarked by October 21, 2008)

Please mail completed application postmarked by October 21, 2008 to:

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202 W. 13th St., Austin, Texas 78701

QUESTIONS? Call 512-499-0804