



## Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation, Inc.

Established by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC), the Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan foundation committed to fostering the development of leadership among Latino youth. The Foundation accomplishes this goal by sponsoring the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program and facilitating the involvement of young Latinos in the political process. Providing an environment for the advancement of future leaders, the Legislative Leadership Program offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the functions and operations of the Texas House of Representatives. Participants will learn how state government works and interacts with the public and become better equipped to serve the communities they represent. This year, the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program is proud to announce that it will be celebrating its 13th anniversary. We encourage you to apply and join the enduring legacy of Latino leadership this program has fostered since 2003, by being a part of the 8<sup>th</sup> cohort of Mexican American Legislative Leadership Fellows.

## Program Description

Named for 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 provides an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students across Texas to gain real experience working in the Texas House of Representatives. Program participants will be placed in one of the MALC Caucus members' offices and serve as full-time policy fellows. Fellows will work alongside experienced legislative staff and participate in weekly seminars where they will interact with other program participants, Latino leaders, 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 officially begins on the first day of the legislative session, January 10, 2017, and ends following the last day of the session (*sine die*) on May 29, 2017. Fellows will be required to work full-time in Austin, Texas for the entire duration of the legislative session. Fellows are also required to attend a pre-program orientation on Friday, January 6.

## 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.

## 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 also welcome to apply.
- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older (as of January 10, 2017).
- 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.

**\*PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO SUMMER LUCIANO AT 512.236.8410 OR AT SLUCIANO@MALC.ORG\***

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## 2016 Application (for the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Last First Middle

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(work/mobile/home)

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(work/mobile/home)

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex: Mexican American, Puerto Rican, etc. ) (If not Hispanic, please demonstrate ties to Latino community in Personal Statement)

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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

### 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 29, 2016
Determination of Finalists:	December 9, 2016
Notification of Participants:	December 12, 2016
Pre-Program Orientation:	January 6, 2017
Program Begins:	January 10, 2017
Program Ends:	May 29, 2017

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## Recommendations

Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation attesting to their personal, professional, and academic integrity. Letters should provide thoughtful examples of the applicant's leadership experience, potential, community involvement, major strengths, areas for improvement and development; and lastly, describe how the applicant would benefit from the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program.

## Personal Statement

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 neither related to nor the spouse of, a member of the Foundation, staff, 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 (**must be received no later than 5:00 PM on November 28, 2016**)
- Resume 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 received by 5:00 PM on November 28, 2016**)
- 3 Letters of recommendation from individuals other than family and friends (**may be sent separately but must be received by 5:00 PM on November 28, 2016**)

Please address completed applications and supporting documents to:

MALLF Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program  
512 W. MLK Jr. Blvd., Box #343  
Austin, Texas 78701

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