



Fiesta del Sol Scholars 2008/09 Guadalupe A. Reyes Scholarship Program



*Pilsen Neighbors Community Council/ Business Education Advisory Group
www.fiestadelSol.org, or www.pilsenneighbors.org*

For Graduating H.S. Seniors and Continuing College Students

Application Deadline: Postmarked by 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, 2008

* Submit all required application materials. * Complete files are required. * Incomplete files will not be reviewed.

The Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) is a grass-roots, leadership-driven, empowerment organization whose mission is to ensure that residents of Pilsen have a voice in the decisions that affect their community.

The Business Education Advisory Group (BEAG) is a committee of Pilsen Neighbors comprised of representatives of Chicago land businesses, colleges and universities, medical centers, community organizations and neighborhood schools. Educational issues facing area students and their families are among the many issues that the BEAG focuses its attention on. Scholarships are an integral part of its mission.

ELIGIBILITY To be eligible for the BEAG scholarships, applicants must meet the following:

Meet one of the following three criteria:

- 1) Be of Latino/Hispanic descent and live on the south-west side of Chicago within the following boundaries: Between 16th to 79th streets, and between Cicero Ave., (4800 West) and Canal (500 West), OR
- 2) Be a volunteer in a PNCC/BEAG program OR
- 3) Be a member of a Pilsen Neighbors Community Council.

Including:

- Enroll in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate, degree-seeking or certificate program.
- Enroll in a minimum of at least 6 semester hours in the 2008/09 school year or its equivalence.
- Earned a cumulative minimum of a 2.5 GPA (on a 4-point scale or its equivalence).
- Demonstrate community or school service.
- Demonstrate financial need.

The Scholarship Committee encourages first time college students and OR undergraduates to apply for this 2008/09 school year scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following 8 to 10 items:

- Completed application.
- Two original recommendation letters on official letterhead from places where you have provided school or community service.
 - * One letter must be from a school official.
- Official high school transcript (if applicable). College students with 30 credits or more do not have to submit a high school transcript.
- Official College/University transcripts. Applicants with UNDER 30 CREDITS must also request their high school transcript. (Official and not off the computer)
- A copy of the applicant's 2007 federal tax form. (Parents' tax form will also be required if student is under age 24).
- Resume
- A copy of the 2008/09 award letter from your college's financial aid office.
- Essay: double-spaced, typed 250-400 words.
 - **See next section for topics*. Please make sure to have someone proofread your essay.

NOTE: All candidates must SIGN the

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION below.

Final candidates will also be interviewed by sponsors and members of the scholarship committee, and must submit verification of enrollment on the day of the interview.

ESSAY TOPICS

**Type or print your name, phone number and e-mail address on all documents you submit (on the upper, right-hand corner of all pages).*

Discuss each of the following in your essay:

- Your background and family
- Your personal and career goals
- Your chosen area(s) of study (major)
- Unpaid (volunteer) community or school service
- Leadership activities
- Honors, awards and scholarships received.
- Employment history
(if you are currently employed, discuss your work).
- **Explanation of unusual financial circumstances.**

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

The scholarship committee will review all application materials. Finalists will be selected and invited for interviews. After the interviews, the committee will select the scholarship recipients who will then be recognized at our Scholarship/ Fiesta del Sol Reception on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008.

The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the funds available. Scholarship for full- and part-time students may be awarded. Students must bring proof of fall registration and copy of fall tuition bill to the interview.

Recipients must be present at the Scholarship/Fiesta del Sol Reception on Wed. July 23rd, 2008.

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

All applicants: Read and sign below.

I certify that all information on this application and its attachments is true and accurate. I authorize release of photos and information to confirm facts I reported and to publicize this program. I understand that any inaccurate information may result in disqualification. I grant my high school, college, or university permission to verify financial need and enrollment to the Business Education Advisory Group of the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council.

X _____

Applicant's signature

Date

Applications must be **delivered by 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29th, 2008 or postmarked on this date.**

Mail application and other required attachments to:

**BEAG Scholarship Committee
Pilsen Neighbors Community Council
2026 S. Blue Island Ave.
Chicago, IL 60608**

For additional applications visit our office at the address above or download the application at www.fiestadelsol.org or pilsenneighbors.org

Any questions please call 312-666-2663 ext.227.

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Follow directions carefully. * Complete all information on this application. * Type or print clearly.

* Mail or drop off completed application with all required documents to the address listed on Page 2 before the deadline.
Type or print your name, phone number and e-mail address on all documents you submit (on the upper, right-hand corner of all pages).

All applicants must complete this section.

Scholarship applicants must submit verification of Fall 2008 enrollment on the day of the interview.

College or university you attend (or plan to attend) in the 2008/09 school year: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____

Have you applied to this college? Yes No Have you been accepted? Yes No Date of acceptance: _____

High School and City from where you graduated: _____ Year of graduation: _____

Applicants with less than 30 semester or 40 quarter hours must also complete this section.

High school from which you graduated or will graduate: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____

Year of graduation: _____ Grade point average: _____ Scale: _____

Rank: _____ Class size: _____ ACT score: _____ SAT score: _____

STUDENT PROFILE

Enrollment plans/status (Please circle one of each):

Fall 2008: Full time Part time

Winter 2008/09: Full time Part time

Spring 2009: Full time Part time

Year in college in the 2008/09 school year (Please circle one):

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Number of hours earned at the end of the 2007/08

Academic year: Quarter hrs: _____ Semester hrs: _____

Major _____

Student Name _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Social Security Number: _____ None

Permanent Address: _____ Neighborhood _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Dormitory or Campus Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Current Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Current cell, pager, or dorm phone no.: _____

Name and city of church of which you are a member: (If Available) _____

Name and phone number of your pastor: (If Available) _____

FAMILY FINANCIAL DATA

Please check your status (see Section A and B below for definition): Independent ___ Dependent ___ Age ___
Do you live with your parents? Yes No Do your parents claim you on their 2007 taxes? Yes No
Number of brothers and sisters attending college in 2008/09: ___
Number of hours brothers / sisters is/will be enrolled: _____ College names that brothers / sisters will be attending in '08/09: _____

Explain any unusual financial circumstances that apply to the 2008/09 school year in your essay.

COLLEGE COSTS

Use 2008/09 ANNUAL/year costs: Tuition \$ _____ Fees \$ _____ Books \$ _____
Room/board \$ _____ Total annual expenses \$ _____

Number of hours for which you will enroll in each of the following terms:

Fall '08 _____ Winter '08/09 _____ Spring '09 _____

System under which your college operates: Quarter _____ Semester _____

Refer to your (and your parents where applicable) 2007 tax information.

Independent students must complete Section A.

Dependent students must complete Section B.

SECTION A: INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

A

- ◆ Married students OR
 - ◆ Students with children regardless of age OR
 - ◆ Students 24 years of age and older OR
 - ◆ Students who do not live with their parents and are financially self-sufficient.
1. Student's income \$ _____
 2. Spouse's income \$ _____
 3. Total or Joint income \$ _____
 4. Number of children/dependents _____
 5. Family size (including student) _____
 6. Family income as reported on tax forms. Use Adjusted Gross Income on 2007 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040, Line 37; 1040A, Line 21; 1040EZ, Line 4):
\$ _____

SECTION B: DEPENDENT STUDENTS

B

- ◆ Any student who lives with his/her parents (when not away at school).
 - ◆ Students who get more than half of their financial support from parents.
 - ◆ Students age 23 or younger.
1. Mother's income \$ _____
 2. Father's income \$ _____
or Parent's Joint income \$ _____
 3. Student income \$ _____
 4. Total (Parents and student) \$ _____
 5. Number of children/dependents in family (include student) _____
 6. Family income as reported on tax forms. Use Adjusted Gross Income on 2007 Federal Tax Returns (Form 1040, Line 37; 1040A, Line 21; 1040EZ, Line 4):
\$ _____