



March 8, 2012

Dear Educator:

The 21st annual La Raza Youth Leadership Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012. In the past twenty years the conference has provided Latino students the opportunity to participate in a full day of educational, informative and entertaining workshops. Since the mission of the conference is to provide a resource for young people to achieve their full educational, economic and social potential, it is our intent to recognize those students who exemplify this mission.

The Youth Awards Committee is seeking nominees for the 2012 **Youth Leadership Award**. The conference targets young students in two grade ranges: 6th-8th and 9th-12th. Two recipients from each grade range will receive a cash award in recognition of his/her scholastic achievements, leadership and community service. The recipients will be presented their awards at the conference.

I would like to enlist your help in getting this information out by asking you to ***PLEASE*** distribute the enclosed application. The application may be duplicated. The La Raza Youth Leadership Awards application must be received by **Friday, March 23, 2012**. If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact me at (303) 556-2322 (office), email junior.reina@ucdenver.edu or youthawards@larazayouth.org. The application may be downloaded at www.larazayouth.org in Acrobat Reader. On behalf of La Raza Youth Leadership Institute, Inc., I thank you for assisting us in identifying students deserving of the award.

Sincerely,

Junior Reina
Youth Awards Committee Chair
La Raza Youth Leadership Institute



YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

21st Annual La Raza Youth Leadership Conference April 28, 2012

The mission of the La Raza Youth Leadership Conference is to empower Latino youth to achieve their educational and leadership potential and instill the desire to give back to the community.

Over the past **twenty** years the conference has provided thousands of young students the opportunity to participate in a full day of interesting, informative and entertaining workshops.

The Youth Awards Committee is seeking nominees for Youth Leadership Awards to distinguish those students who exemplify the conference mission. The awards recognize young students in two grade ranges: 6th – 8th and 9th – 12th. Students are rewarded for their scholastic achievements, leadership and community service. Award winners will receive a cash award presented the day of the conference, their biographies printed in the conference program, and their registration fee will be waived.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be Chicano/a, Mexicano/a, and Latino/a grades 6-12,
- Must be enrolled and in good standing in a public, private or alternative school,
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5,
- Must be involved in school activities and activities in the community.

If you have any questions regarding these awards, please contact **Junior Reina** at (303) 556-2322 (office) or email junior.reina@ucdenver.edu or youthawards@larazayouth.org. This application form will be available after 03/10/12, at www.larazayouth.org in Acrobat Reader (pdf).



21ST ANNUAL LA RAZA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Application**
- Official Transcripts**
- Respond to the three (3) essay questions below.**
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from persons who can address the applicant's individual achievements, leadership and qualifications for the award.**

Please answer all questions completely. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Print clearly or type all responses.

Name (first, last) _____

Address _____

Street/Apt. City Zip Code

Home Phone _____ Birth date _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

(**This form may not be used as a Registration form, please submit your registration to your school coordinator.)

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Limit your answers to no more than a full sheet per question and attach to application. Please be sure to write clearly.

1. Describe your involvement in school activities and activities in your community. Address each point below.

- How did you get started doing these activities?
- Describe your role and why are you involved.
- How long have you been involved in these activities?
- What do you gain from participating in these activities?
- How does the community benefit from your involvement in these activities?

2. How have you been a leader in your school or local community? Please describe in detail.

3. If you were to create a theme for our leadership conference, what would it be, and why?

**Mail all materials to: Youth Awards – LRYLI
C/O PCDP Junior Reina
CU Denver
P.O. Box 173364, CB 147
Denver, CO 80217**

Applications must be RECEIVED by Friday, March 23, 2012

THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED AS NEEDED