



December 15, 2009

Dear Potential Scholarship Recipient,

Liwanag Kultural Center is offering two \$500 "Walk for Dreams" Scholarships to students who are entering or continuing at a 2- or 4-year college/university in Fall 2010. In the spirit of our "Walk for Dreams" walk-a-thon which helped provide the scholarship money, we are looking to raise awareness about the issues facing undocumented immigrant students who cannot avail of conventional Financial Aid and many other scholarship opportunities due to their immigration status. So many of these hard-working young people had no say in the decision to immigrate to this country and, often times, are completely unaware that they are in fact undocumented until they begin the college application process. Liwanag Kultural Center believes that, while the Immigration Debate is a complex one, all young people deserve access to a quality education. The minimum eligibility requirements for the scholarship are as follows:

**SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be currently enrolled in high school or college/university.
- High school applicants will complete graduation requirements by the end of Spring 2010.
- Will attend college in the Fall 2010.
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or better.

Please project your enrollment status for the 2010-2011 academic year. ***If there is a change in your actual enrollment status for 2010-2011 after an award has been given, you may not receive some or all of the monies awarded.*** Please plan your academic program accordingly.

Scholarship monies are disbursed when registration is confirmed at the beginning of the Fall 2010 semester.

**Your completed application packet is due Thursday, April 15, 2010 in person at 6:00 pm at the Liwanag Kultural Center, 222 Lausanne Avenue, Daly City or can be mailed before the due date to Liwanag Kultural Center c/o Daly City Parks and Recreation, 111 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City, CA 94014. Only completed application packets will be reviewed.**

***DO NOT staple packets; use one paper clip to attach all materials together.***



LiwanaG Kultural Center "Walk for Dreams" Scholarship  
Spring 2010  
Checklist

A completed application packet contains the following documents:

- 1. LiwanaG Kultural Center "Walk for Dreams" Checklist – this form.
- 2. Scholarship Application Form. The form must be signed and dated.
- 3. Unofficial transcript(s) from your school of attendance.
- 4. Short Essay -- **Must be typed, single-spaced, 1.0" margins all around, Times New Roman, 12 point font, and a maximum of 1 page in length.**

Read the following excerpt from "Should Colleges Enroll Illegal Immigrants?" by Eddy Ramirez (*U.S. News & World Report*, 8/7/08):

Heightened concern about the slowing economy and illegal immigration already has led some states to close the doors of higher education on undocumented students. This summer, South Carolina became the first state to ban such students from all of its public colleges and universities. Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, and Oklahoma have also drawn a line in the sand and now deny illegal immigrants in-state tuition benefits. Supporters of these policies say that scarce education dollars should be spent on making college more affordable for U.S. citizens, not illegal immigrants. "At a time of economic hardship for so many Americans, we need to worry about American students," says William Gheen of Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee.

Respond to Mr. Gheen's statement about higher education and immigrant students. Support your response with specific examples: you can provide evidence from outside resources (articles, books, web sites -- properly cited) as well as your own personal anecdotes and experiences.

- 5. A Letter of Recommendation – written on business letterhead.

Your letter should be written by a teacher or faculty member (instructor) who knows enough about you academically and/or personally to write a supportive letter.

Provide the Letter of Recommendation Information Sheet to the person you would like a letter of recommendation from. Please allow the recommender at least 2 weeks to write the letter.

- 6. Complete the following information (Please print):

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby waive my rights to access this information and provide permission for LiwanaG Kultural Center to release/forward any or all parts of my application and/or transcript to the Scholarship Committee for review.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





Please check **only one** of the following:

- Will **start** at a 2 or 4-year college/university during the Fall 2010 semester.
- Will **continue** at a 2 or 4- year college/university during the Fall 2010 semester.

College/University Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors, Awards, and Achievements**

Honors, awards, and achievements	Date(s)

**Employment/Work Experience**

Are you currently employed?     Yes     No

Name of Employer	Position Held	Hours per week

**Extracurricular Activities/Special Interests/Volunteer Work**

Extracurricular Activities/Special Interests	School/Organization	Date(s)

Volunteer Work	School/Organization	Date(s)



**General**

Are you presently receiving financial aid?       Yes       No

Have you previously received any scholarships?       Yes       No

Scholarship Name	Amount	Award Year

**Family Data**

Are you presently living with your parents?       Yes       No

Are you:     Single     Married     Separated     Divorced     Widowed

Number of family members in household (include yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members in household attending college (include yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

Completion of the following information is required for some scholarships. If you do not live with your parents, report only your information.

Father's Occupation	
Mother's Occupation	
Total Parent (s) Combined Income for 2008	
Your Income for 2008	
Total Student/Household Income for 2008 (Include Spouse)	

**Applicant's Certification – All applicants must complete this section:**

1. I understand that the information provided on this application will be used for scholarship award eligibility and selection only.
2. I affirm that the information provided within is true, complete, and accurate, and that any award may be revoked without appeal if the information is found by the committee to be otherwise.
3. I hereby authorize the release of the above information at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee of LiwanaG Kultural Center.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**LiwanaG Kultural Center "Walk for Dreams" Scholarship  
Spring 2010  
Letter of Recommendation**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**Recommender:**

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation for the student who is applying for a scholarship at the LiwanaG Kultural Center. The student will need to submit your letter along with his or her other application materials by Monday, February 15, 2010 in person at 6:00 p.m. at the LiwanaG Kultural Center, 222 Lausanne Avenue, Daly City or mailed before the due date to LiwanaG Kultural Center, c/o Daly City Parks and Recreation, 111 Lake Merced Blvd, Daly City, CA 94014. Please note that this letter will only be used for consideration of a scholarship.

**Letter Information:**

Please write a letter evaluating the applicant's academic, employment, or volunteer record and your judgment of the applicant's ability to reach his/her academic goals. Discuss your relationship to the student, your observations, and your evaluation of the student's career potential for success. Note any skills, student commitment, values, special circumstances or personal situations you are aware of, and any other information that would assist the Scholarship Committee.

Name of person making recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Basis for your recommendation:  Employer  Classroom  Counseling  Other

<b>Evaluation Checklist:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Not Able to Rate</b>
<b>Academic Skills</b> Has demonstrated academic promise.					
<b>Involvement in Extracurricular Activities</b> Participation above and beyond required by high school/college course work and/or employment.					
<b>Initiative</b> Ability to begin or follow through with a plan or goal.					
<b>Attitude</b> Demonstrates interest in completing educational goals.					
<b>Relationship with Others</b> Is cooperative and tactful.					
<b>Overall View of Applicant</b>					

**Please attach the Letter of Recommendation, typed on business letterhead, to this form with a paper clip. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE.  
Thank you for your time and assistance to this student.**