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Dear Senior Advisor / Guidance Counselor,

As the school year reaches the midway point, our hope is for you and your students to continue a productive and successful year. The Executive Board of the AFT / NYS Latino Caucus would like to extend a heartfelt 'thanks' for all the work you do for the young minds of New York State.

The AFT / NYS Latino Caucus is an educational caucus made up of New York City and State educators that advocates for excellence in education and opportunities for students, especially those of Latino / Hispanic heritage.

Enclosed you will find an application for our AFT / NYS Latino Caucus 2007-2008 Scholarships. Please duplicate and distribute to eligible students in your school. The application postmark deadline is Friday, May 15, 2008.

We look forward to a big response and to continue working with you in the name of providing educational opportunities for the students of New York State.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

En Solidaridad,

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**American Federation of Teachers Latino Caucus
New York State Chapter
2007-2008 Scholarship Application**

Application Postmark Deadline: *Friday, May 15, 2008*

Ten scholarship winners will receive a \$1000 book stipend and a laptop computer and printer.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- Be a high school senior in a New York City/State public school
- Be of Hispanic/Latino heritage
- Have a parent or guardian who is a member of a union

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic work
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation

Application Preparation

- 1) Complete the Personal Information Form.
- 2) Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript.
- 3) Complete the Personal Statement Form.
- 4) Have a teacher or guidance counselor complete the Recommendation Form.
- 5) Place all materials in one envelope and send to:

**AFT Latino Caucus Scholarship Program
2500 Halsey Street
Bronx, NY 10461**

- 6) Be sure the application is postmarked by: **May 15, 2008**

Personal Information

Applicant Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Street Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Guardian _____ Union Affiliate _____

Check the box below that best identifies the place of your heritage.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuba | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico | |

List any extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school.

List any jobs you have had during your high school career.

List any honors or special awards you have received during high school.

Personal Statement

Please select any **ONE** of the following options and write a 1-2 page response. (Typed responses are preferred).

Note: This statement can be written in English **OR** in Spanish.

- 1) Identify a person who has had a significant influence on you and explain how he or she influenced you.
- 2) What specific attribute, quality or skill distinguishes you from other people?
- 3) Describe an event that was particularly challenging for you. How did you respond? How did it change you?

Letter of Recommendation

Name of Applicant_____

To the applicant: Give this form to a teacher or guidance counselor who knows you well.

To the teacher or guidance counselor: Please complete this form and return it to the student. You may attach your own letter of recommendation if you choose.

1) In what capacity and for how long have you known this student?

2) What sets this student apart from other students?

3) What unique qualities does this student have that may not be indicated by his or her transcript?

Name_____

School_____

Signature_____

Phone_____