



The Latina Public Service Academy

The Goal: To foster a new generation of Latina public service leaders that are ready to take leadership positions in the public sector.

The Issue: In the City of Los Angeles, there is only one female elected official out of 18 possible elective positions, the lowest level of female participation of any major City in the United States. In the California State Legislature, only 25 percent of the Assembly members are women and 30 percent of the State Senators are women.

The Need: Research shows that women make government more transparent, inclusive and accessible. Women bring different priorities and experiences to public life, including perspectives that have been largely absent in public policy-making. Women change the way government works, and their voices are needed in legislative chambers around the country.

The Program: The Latina Public Service Academy provides government and public policy training and instruction to female high school juniors and seniors from low-income communities. The curriculum includes skill training as well as campaign and organizing modules to prepare them to run for elective office, or to work for elected or appointed officials.

If you identify as Latina, reside in Los Angeles County, are in the 11th or 12th grade, and have an interest in public service and leadership, then you are eligible for the Latina Public Service Academy! The program is ***completely free*** but requires full participation in the three full-day workshops.

Eligibility requirements

- Enrolled in 11th or 12th grade this year
- Preference is given to students who are low-income and reside in the communities of: South LA, Boyle Heights/East LA, Pico-Union/Westlake, Northeast San Fernando Valley, LAUSD regular public schools and charter schools.
- At least one parent is of Latino/Hispanic heritage
- At least a 2.0 GPA. (Exceptions can be made for promising candidates)
- Submit a complete application via email, per the instructions, by **March 24, 2017 at 11:59 pm PST**

Please consider the following mandatory program dates when applying

- *Saturday, April 8, 9-6 p.m. Workshop*
- *Tuesday, April 18, 9-4 p.m. Field Trip (permission form will be provided)*



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- *Saturday, April 22, 9-6 p.m. Workshop*

Participants can expect a comprehensive experience that will include the following

- ✓ Government and public policy training
- ✓ Fundraising experience
- ✓ Career and skill training sessions
- ✓ Special visits to different municipal government chambers to see public officials in action
- ✓ Internship matching with a local female elected official or an opportunity to participate in a voter registration or political campaign.
- ✓ Lifelong friends!

Application Requirements

- Written Application sent via email per the instructions
- Unofficial Transcript
- 1 photo of yourself (email or attach)

Application Deadline

- March 24, 2017 at 11:59 PST
- Please send a scanned copy of your entire application to: latinasacademy@gmail.com
- Subject line should be <**First Name, Last Name Latina Public Service Academy 2017 Application**>

If you have any questions regarding the application process feel free to contact latinasacademy@gmail.com

About the Latina Public Service Academy, Latinas

This program was founded by Ana Cubas in partnership with the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. The vision is to motivate and empower young Latinas throughout Los Angeles to learn about public service and encourage them to start thinking about the toolkit they need to run for office. Latina Public Service Academy admitted their inaugural class of 21 fellows in April of 2014. The program was highlighted in La Opinion and several other community publications.



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The application process is as follows:

- **Review requirements and eligibility.**
- **Submit paper/online application, and supporting documents by March 24, 11:59 PM PST.**
- **Receive admission notification by March 31.**
- **If admitted, confirm your participation via email.**

STEP 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Personal Phone Number	
Address	Email Address	
School Name	Grade Level	Approx. GPA
Date of Birth	Country of Latino Heritage	

PARENT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Email Address
Telephone Number	Approximate Family Income (Optional)



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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Telephone Number
Relationship to Applicant	Work Number

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STEP 2: ACTIVITIES

What do you do outside of the classroom? Including but not limited to clubs, organizations, sports team, hobbies, or work experience.

Name of activity	Level of Involvement (note if you were a member, officer, captain, etc.)	Years involved



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STEP 3: ESSAY

Write a one-page essay and attach it to this application. Please use double-space, font 12, Times New Roman. The personal statement should be no longer than 500 words. Please answer the following:

- Who are you? Tell us about where you are from and your family background.
- What are your educational and career goals and why?
- Why are you interested in attending this institute? Have you ever thought about running for office?

STEP 4: GRADES

Please send us an **unofficial** copy of your transcript from your school along with your application. We have attached a letter to request your transcript.

STEP 5: PHOTO

Please attach an appropriate photo of yourself to this application and email it to latinasacademy@gmail.com



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Application form is complete
- ✓ Personal Statement Essay is complete and attached
- ✓ Unofficial Transcript is attached
- ✓ Photo of yourself

Your paper or online application, additional application requirements and **completed** recommendation letter, must be postmarked no later than March 24, 2017. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

If you wish, you can mail a paper copy of your complete application to: Latina Public Service Academy, 706 Amador St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.



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Latina Public Service Academy 2017 TRANSCRIPT/GRADES REQUEST FORM

Use this form to request an UNOFFICIAL transcript of your grades from your school.

Date:

To: High School Counselor

From:

Please provide me with an unofficial copy of my latest transcript/grades (or report card) to be used to complete my application for the 2016 Latina Public Service Academy Public Service Academy. Without this transcript my application will not be considered.

Student's Full Name:

Grade:

Address:

Student ID:

City:

Zip: