

NEXTGEN

LATINO LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Grow your leadership skills in Washington, D.C.!

The NextGen Latino Leadership Program provides current sophomores and juniors in high school the opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C., exploring the city and the role it plays in our nation's past, present, and future.

Strengthen your leadership and advocacy skills through curriculum that is designed specifically for you — driven and empowered youth leaders! Together with your peers, you will gain a better understanding of top issues that face communities around the country and learn how you can create impactful change and elevate your voice.

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"If it weren't for the NextGen Latino Leadership program, I would've never realized the deep cultural connection I have to other Latino youth around the country through our strong hopes of change."

— DIEGO COLON, 2025 NextGen Participant



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While in Washington, D.C., students will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Meet with a variety of influential leaders, including Members of Congress
- Visit historic monuments and sites in the nation's capital
- Learn about the political process and become an agent of change
- Kickstart your college planning process and toolkit
- Develop community with students from across the country
- Become a lifelong member of the CHCI Alumni Association

The program is completely **free** of charge to participants. Travel, lodging, meals and activities will all be covered through the support of State Farm®, regional fundraising, and CHCI.



"Thanks to the NextGen Latino Leadership program, I've met so many bright and inspiring young Latinos who share similar interests to me and aim to make the world a better place."

— SIENA DEVINE GUZMAN,
2024 NextGen Participant

Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply, students must:

- Reside in one of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico
- Be a current 10th or 11th grade student for the 2025-26 academic year
- Demonstrate interest in learning more about civic engagement

While we do require applicants share their grades and a copy of their transcript, there is no minimum GPA requirement to apply.

All eligible individuals are welcome to apply. However, preference is given to individuals with demonstrated financial need.



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How to Apply

Visit <https://chci.smapply.org/> to register for an applicant account and complete your NextGen Program application.

Application Checklist

- Complete application profile
- Submit 3 short essay questions
- Upload high school transcript and resume
- Recommendation form completed by recommender
- Upload parent/guardian permission form

SCAN TO APPLY!

