

NEXTGEN

LATINO LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



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

The NextGen Latino Leadership Program gives high school sophomores and juniors the opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C., strengthening their leadership and advocacy skills while exploring issues that impact communities nationwide. Gain the tools to create change and elevate your voice

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“If it weren’t for CHCI NextGen, I would have never considered D.C. for college or been interested in working on Capitol Hill.”

— TANIA PADILLA,
2026 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.



“My CHCI NextGen experience taught me what it means to be represented as a Latino in politics and the overall country.”

— DANIEL MEJIA PEREZ,
2026 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 2026-27 academic year
- Demonstrate interest in learning more about civic engagement

While we do require applicants share their grades and a copy of their unofficial 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!

