

What past participants have to say about the R2L NextGen program...



Esaiah on Capitol Hill

"R2L NextGen opened my eyes to the possibilities available. I am eager to return home and continue to seek additional leadership roles so that my community can reap the benefits of my program participation."

—Esaiah Villalobos, 2014 Participant Le Grand, CA

"The R2L NextGen program has motivated me to do my best and strive for success. I know I have a voice and that I can make a difference. This program inspired me to vote and become involved in the political process"

—Clarissa Rios, 2015 Participant Dallas, TX

"The R2L NextGen program has provided me with an innovative and invigorating experience on how much the Latino community can change political issues. The program has inspired me not to be afraid to speak my mind regarding political issues and to never stop dreaming big."

—Liliana Maximiliano, 2016 Participant, Peoria, AZ



Liliana (Center) with Deja and Frank



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Have you ever wondered how things *really* work in Washington, D.C.? Join CHCI this summer and find out!

The R2L NextGen program provides Latino high school students the chance to spend a week in Washington, D.C., exploring the city and the role it plays in our nation's past, present, and future.

While in Washington, students will get the chance to:

- ★ Visit historic monuments and sites in the nation's capital
- ★ Interact with prominent national Latino leaders
- ★ Tour Capitol Hill
- ★ Meet with Members of Congress
- ★ Learn how the political process works
- ★ Explore museums
- ★ Receive training on how to make a difference in their community
- ★ Develop friendships with students from across the country
- ★ Become a lifelong member of the CHCI Alumni Association

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



"The R2L NextGen program equipped me with the knowledge and tools to create change in my community. It's been one of the most beneficial experiences I have ever had. It took us all out of our comfort zone, empowered us to do great things, and has provided a strong network and support system to succeed."

- Nelson Daniel Villegas, 2016 Participant, Falls Church, Virginia



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible to apply, students from the Chicago, Illinois area must live in:

★ Cook County

In addition, applicants must also:

- ★ Be a current 11th grade student
- ★ 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 individuals are welcome to apply. However, preference is given to individuals with financial need.



HOW TO APPLY

Application deadline is on April 3, 2017

Visit apply.chci.org to complete your profile and application. Please note that there is a different application for each geographic region.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ★ Online application profile
- ★ One letter of recommendation
- ★ Three short essay questions
- ★ Upload transcript
- ★ Upload resume
- ★ Parent/guardian permission form

