I think it is important for NextGen to exist because young Latino leaders need this type of empowerment. Many of us come from communities where we don’t see Latinos in positions of influence. This program teaches us that we can take on those positions and initiate change in our community. Visiting D.C. and meeting influential Latino leaders makes me feel like I can be heard and that I can one day be in those influential positions as well.

—Joseph Reyes, 2022 Participant
Anaheim, California
While in Washington, students will be provided with the opportunity to:
• Meet with Members of Congress
• Tour Capitol Hill
• Explore museums
• Visit historic monuments and sites in the nation’s capital
• Interact with prominent national Latino leaders
• Learn how the political process works
• 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.

“NextGen inspires young Latinos to make sure they know their dreams of changing the world or leaving an impact on their community are achievable and supported by many. It has really inspired me to continue learning and know that I can get involved.”
— Carolina Loria, 2022 Participant
Miami, Florida

**Eligibility Requirements**

In order to apply, students must:
• Reside in 50 United States, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico
• Be a current 10th or 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**.

Please note that should COVID-19 cases continue to make travel unsafe for our participants, CHCI will adapt the program to a virtual format.

**How to Apply**

Visit apply.chci.org to complete your profile and application. In order to participate in CHCI programs, all selected participants need to be fully vaccinated before arriving in Washington D.C.

**Application Checklist**

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

Application Deadline: February 15, 2023