

Dear students and parents,

If you are attending NELYS this year. Please consider and take advantage of this scholarship opportunity.

Ten scholarships, totaling \$1,000 each, will be awarded at this year's NELYS on November 10th, 2026. High School Seniors or Juniors graduating in May 2027 and meeting the eligibility criteria may apply. The scholarships will be applicable for tuition, fees, or books at an accredited community college or university.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The selection committee will review applications and select the recipients. Scholarship awardees will be announced at the Nebraska Latino Youth Summit on November 10th, 2026. **The awardee must attend to receive the scholarship.**

Upon high school graduation, scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment from the accredited community college, or university of the student's choice to receive the scholarship funds. This scholarship must be used within two years of high school graduation.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd, 2026, AT 12 pm.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nebraska resident
- Current Latino/Latina high school senior or other grade graduating in 2027
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale
- Referred by a staff member, Nebraska school counselor, teacher, or principal
- Attend the 2025 Nebraska Latino Youth Summit

What to Submit

- Scholarship application
- Essay response
 - Statement of Purpose: Why do you deserve this scholarship, what would you do with it, and where will you be attending?
 - Leadership: Write your experience in your life, showing courage and fortitude.
- Letter of recommendation from the Title IC Education Program staff member, school counselor, teacher, or principal
- Your Picture
- Copy of transcript (optional)
- List of scholarships that the student has applied for and received
- **Submit your application in an email to: latino.info@nebraska.gov with the subject line: application for the Jesusita and Santos Courage and Fortitude Fund.**

The Jesusita and Santos Courage & Fortitude Scholarships

To receive full consideration, read all information carefully before completing it. Please submit your responses to all questions. The application must be submitted on or before October 23rd, 2026, at 12 PM. Scholarship recipients must attend the Nebraska Latino Youth Summit on November 10th, 2026, to be awarded the scholarship.

A. Student Information

Name

Address:

(Street)

(Apartment #)

(City)

(State)

(Zipcode)

Contact Info:

(Home Phone)

(Alt Phone)

(Email Address)

Personal Info:

(Parents/Guardians name)

(Alt Email)

High School:

(Name)

(City)

Cumulative GPA:

Senior

Junior

B. Essay Responses

your Essay response to the following questions will give us more information about you:

- Provide your typed answer on a separate document and upload it to this form.
- Include your name and school in the top right corner.
- Please limit each essay response to 500 words.
- When using abbreviations, please include the full term the first time introduced in the essay.
- Check grammar, spelling, and punctuation before submitting your essay.

1. Statement of Purpose: why do you deserve this scholarship, what would you do with it, and where would you be attending?

2. Leadership: Write your experiences in your life, showing courage and fortitude.

C. Letter of Recommendation

We ask for a Title IC Education Program staff member, school counselor, teacher, or principal to submit one signed letter of recommendation on behalf of the student.

D. Photo

Please include a photo of yourself

E. Transcript

Submit a copy of your transcript (optional)



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F. Scholarships

Please include a list of scholarships the student has applied for and received.

G. Certification of Applicant

I, (Print Name) _____ certify that all information provided in the application is complete and accurate. I agree that if I am selected for the scholarship, my name and picture may be shown as an award winner in future programs and on the website with no additional compensation by the sponsors of the scholarship program or the NELYS committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please email your application to latino.info@nebraska.gov with the subject line: Application for the Jesusita and Santos Courage and fortitude Scholarship

for any question please call: 402-471-2791



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