7th Annual ¡Sí, Se Puede! Latino Youth Conference  
Paul G. Mendoza Memorial Scholarship

Paul G. Mendoza was a founding member of the Latino Youth Conference and an integral contributor to the Black and Latino Achievers Program. Paul often shared his stories of his humble beginnings growing up in Texas to become one of the top managers at Hannaford Supermarkets. He knew with the proper guidance and assistant from adults, youth could achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals.

Paul also knew it takes hard work and dedication to make your dreams a reality. Paul truly exemplified the “¡Sí, Se Puede!” attitude and work ethic. He shared his knowledge with youth at every opportunity; he was an agent of positive change for all young people. The Latino Youth Conference is inviting students to submit scholarship application and essay to be considered for our $1,000 Paul G. Mendoza Memorial Scholarship.

Goal:  
To honor Latino students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership abilities and have provided service to their community.

Eligibility Criteria:
- High school graduates of the Class of 2014 or 2015 with a 75 or above final high school average.
- Demonstrated leadership experience, extracurricular and community service activities.
- Plans to attend an accredited College, University, or Trade School in Fall 2014 or 2015.
- Be of Latino/Hispanic Heritage (At least one parent must be Latino)
- Registered and attend the 7th Annual Latino Youth Conference, November 15, 2014 at Siena College.

Application Process
A completed scholarship nomination packet must be postmarked no later than November 5th.

A complete scholarship nomination packet contains:
1. Student Nomination Form – To be complete by school principal or designee
2. Student Essay Form – To be completed by student
3. Verification of Community Service Form – To be completed by community service organization

Please mail completed packets to:

Latino Youth Conference Scholarship  
Capital District YMCA  
465 New Karner Road, 2nd Floor  
Albany, NY 12205

For more information please visit our website at [www.latinoyouthconference.org](http://www.latinoyouthconference.org) or email us at [www.lyc@cdymca.org](mailto:www.lyc@cdymca.org)

Important Dates:
November 5, 2014 Completed Applications Must be Postmarked
November 15, 2014 Award Recipient Notified
November 15, 2014 Award Ceremony
7th Annual ¡Sí, Se Puede! Latino Youth Conference
Student Nomination Form

Due November 5, 2014. To be completed by High School Principal or designee.

Student’s Name ____________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

Phone ( ) __________________ E-mail __________________________________________

High School Average __________________ Class Rank __________________________

Name of High School ______________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

County __________________________________________________________________

Comments:________________________________________________________________
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Signature of Principal or designee __________________________________________

Date ____________________________________________________________

E-mail Address __________________________________________________________

Phone Number __________________________________________________________
Due November 5, 2014. To be completed by the student and submitted with the Nomination form and Verification of Community Service form.

Student’s Name

Address

E-mail

Name of High School Graduated from
City

High School Average

Name of college, university, or trade school enrolled in (Fall 2014 or Fall 2015)

Intended Area of Study

Scholarship recipients are expected to complete a follow-up survey.

ESSAY TOPIC

Please attach a 2-page essay (double spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font) that explains why you believe you are deserving of the Capital District YMCA’s 7th Annual ¡Sí, Se Puede! Latino Youth Conference award. Please ensure that your essay focuses on your accomplishments in the areas of academic excellence, leadership and community service and how these accomplishments will enhance your intended career goals.

Please list any special recognitions or honors:

Please list leadership experience, and extracurricular and community service activities:

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Verification of Community Service Form

Due November 5, 2014. To be completed by the director of a community agency or organization and returned to the student.

To Whom It May Concern:
_________________________ has been nominated by ____________________________
(Name of Student) (Name of High School)

As a candidate for the Capital District YMCA’s 7th Annual ¡Sí, Se Puede! Latino Youth Conference Award for Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Community Service.

Please complete the following information as verification of this student’s community service with your organization.

Name of Organization ____________________________

Address ________________________________________________

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Telephone Number (____) __________________ Website Address ____________________________

Please provide a brief description of the nature of the community service performed by the student (i.e., beginning and ending dates, total hours worked, and any general comments):

Name ____________________________ Title ____________________________

E-mail ____________________________ Phone (____) ____________________________