



CORE's Que Llavea Café Scholarship Program
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Twelfth Annual Que Llavea Café Scholarship Instructions

Application Deadline: Postmarked by March 14, 2020

Amount of Each Scholarship: \$500

CORE proudly sponsors this scholarship to help undocumented students continue on their academic path. This scholarship is a response to the lack of financial aid that undocumented students face on their road to college despite having met the academic requirements asked of them by educators, schools, and colleges. We, at CORE, hope that our scholarship (and those like ours) will serve as one step towards fulfilling the promise that college is for everyone.

The “Que Llavea Café” Scholarship aims to support the dreams, hopes and aspirations of college bound undocumented students so that they can earn their college education and allow for all of their hard work and sacrifice to persevere. This scholarship program strives to make a world of difference. ¡**Ójala que llueva café!**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an undocumented student (DACA students are eligible).
- Must be or will be a high school/GED graduate who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the 2020-2021 academic year. *Due to limited funds, current college students who have already graduated high school or received their GED are not eligible.*

Application Materials:

Please ensure that you provide all four (4) items below and only those items. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of your application.

1. **Que Llavea Café Scholarship Application** – Please complete the application in full.
2. **One Letter of Recommendation** – You may submit an extra letter but only one is required. We will only accept a maximum of 2 letters of recommendation. Please do not send more than 2 letters.
3. **Personal Statement (1000 words maximum)** – Your personal statement must fulfill the following three (3) things to be considered complete. Please read carefully.
 1. You must include a description of your current financial need as an undocumented student in your personal statement.
 2. You must indicate in your personal statement that you are an undocumented student (DACA students are eligible).
 3. You must write a response to **ONLY ONE** of the **writing prompts below**:
 - i. Provide an autobiography that includes your dreams, hopes, and aspirations.
 - ii. How would you describe your high school experience and what do you expect to gain by enrolling in college?
 - iii. What is your greatest motivation for attending college next year?

- iv. Writer and artist Alberto Ledesma wrote, "I believe that only by communicating the triumphs and stresses of our experience without self-judgement, only by initiating a public dialogue about what being undocumented means that is free from self-accusation, will our society finally accept that having been undocumented is just another kind of American experience." (Ledesma, 2017, pg. 105). What do you think about Ledesma's quote? Has and/or will this strategy work? Does the quote resonate with you or not? Why or Why not?
4. **Copy of High School transcript** – Submit your most current high school transcript. You may submit an unofficial or official transcript.

Instructions:

1. Send only the application materials listed above. **Do not include these instructions.**
2. **The Personal Statement should have a one-inch margin.** If typed (*highly encouraged*), ensure that your font size is 12. If hand written, writing must be legible and be written on ruled paper.
3. Provide all application materials into one large envelope in the following order:
 - a. Scholarship Application (*on top of all documents*)
 - b. Letter(s) of Recommendation (*behind Scholarship Application*)
 - c. Personal Statement (*behind Letter(s) of Recommendation*)
 - d. Copy of High School Transcript (*behind Personal Statement*)
4. **Everything must be mailed together.** Recommenders may provide sealed letters (though not required) but they must still be mailed together with the other application materials. The same applies for high school transcripts. Please plan accordingly and give yourself sufficient time to gather all application materials.
5. **Only complete applications will be accepted.**
6. **Ensure your application is postmarked by March 14, 2020 and mailed to the address below.**

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All unpaid/insufficient postage will be returned.
Please use regular mail (*no special handling, please*) when mailing your application.

***Best of luck
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