



2026 Annual Convention Student Scholar Program

April 10-11, 2026

Hyatt Regency, Monterey CA

The California LULAC Foundation (CLF) Annual Convention is one of California's premiere gatherings of leaders, advocates, educators, and community members advancing social justice, education, civic engagement, and equity for Latino communities statewide.

This statewide event provides a dynamic platform for meaningful dialogue, leadership development, and networking—bringing together students, professionals, and community leaders to learn, connect, and collaborate. The 2026 convention places a special emphasis on youth and young adults and their role as emerging leaders shaping California's future.

Who Should Apply

- Currently enrolled students aged 14–24.
- Aspiring student leaders that are passionate about community advocacy & personal development.

What You'll Experience

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| Statewide Leadership Convention | Connect with leaders, educators, advocates, and professionals from across California. Join workshops, panels, and keynotes that explore education, opportunity, civic engagement, and issues shaping Latino communities. |
| Student Scholar Support | Selected scholars receive registration, shared lodging, and meals so they can fully participate in this statewide event. (Transportation assistance is not included.) |
| Leadership & Career Growth | Build real-world skills in leadership, public speaking, advocacy, career exploration, and community organizing. Meet mentors and professionals in education, public service, nonprofit, tech, business, and health. |
| Insight into Issues That Impact You | Learn about the topics affecting California youth today's college access, workforce opportunities, immigration, innovation, health, and more. Leave with tools to advocate and make an impact. |
| Celebration of Culture & Identity | Experience performances, cultural expressions, and community pride that honor Latino heritage and highlight the power of culture in leadership. |
| Skills for Your Future | Strengthening communication, teamwork, networking, and problem-solving skills. Explore academic and career pathways and build confidence for your next steps—college, career, or leadership roles. |



What You'll Leave With

Participants will leave the convention with:

- Stronger leadership and advocacy skills
- Increased understanding of key social and policy issues
- Statewide networks of mentors, peers, and leaders
- Renewed clarity around academic and career goals
- A deeper sense of cultural pride and community connection

Application Process

Applicants must submit their Student Scholar application through the California LULAC Foundation website link.

The application includes:

- Convention goals
- A short personal statement
- Leadership and interest questions
- (Optional) letter of recommendation

Application Deadline

March 6, 2026, at 11:59 PM (PST)

Please note:

- A limited number of Student Scholar awards are available.
- Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, based on eligibility and application completeness.
- We strongly encourage students to apply as early as possible, as applications may close before the deadline once all scholarships are awarded.
- No late applications will be accepted.

Applicants will receive notifications and event details via email following the review period.

An Experience That Empowers You

The California LULAC Foundation Annual Convention and Student Scholar Program offer a powerful opportunity for youth, young adults, and emerging leaders to grow, connect, and contribute.

By supporting access to this statewide event, CLF equips the next generation of California leaders with the networks, skills, and inspiration needed to uplift their communities and advance their academic and professional aspirations.

For question please contact: info@calulacfoundation.org