

CHICANO LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT (CLYLP) COMCAST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Background on Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project (CLYLP)

The CLYLP is a statewide, community-based volunteer organization founded in 1982 whose mission is to enhance and build the leadership potential of California's youth to build communities and create a stronger more prosperous state and nation. CLYLP programs connect young people with community volunteers, policymakers and professionals to:

- Motivate leadership and civic engagement by strengthening cultural identity, self-confidence and community connections; and
- Open doors to academic achievement, career growth, and leadership opportunities.

CLYLP programs provide an opportunity to young people at a crucial moment in their lives to build their capacity and ambition, as well as alter their life courses. CLYLP programs motivate young people to pursue their education and become involved, engaged members of their communities. Moreover, the CLYLP enhances the leadership skills, academic preparation, self-esteem, and cultural awareness of young people.

Since the inception of CLYLP, 120-140 high school students from throughout the state of California participate each year in a week-long, intensive summer leadership training program in Sacramento. The CLYLP also holds two three day regional leadership institutes, one in the San Joaquin Valley and one in Los Angeles for students in those regions of the state. More than 3,000 students have gone through this training program and more than 90 percent of these participants have attended college. Many CLYLP alumni become successful leaders in both the public and private sector.

The Comcast Fellowship Program

Through a generous grant from the Comcast Foundation and in partnership with the California Latino Legislative Caucus, the California State University, Sacramento-Center for California Studies, the University of California Center in Sacramento, the University of Southern California, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the CLYLP is again sponsoring a four-week fellowship program for six (6) CLYLP alumni of our Summer Conference, Los Angeles or San Joaquin Valley Programs who have completed at least their first-year of college/university studies. This fellowship opportunity will begin Wednesday, June 29, 2011 and will run through Saturday, July 30, 2011.

While in this intensive fellowship program, participants will follow a rigorous curriculum that builds on prior training provided by CLYLP that includes:

- Placement in a legislative office as an intern in a role allowing for first-hand experience in the state legislative and budget process;
- An academically designed curriculum focused on the inner workings of California government as well as current and future statewide policy issues;
- Opportunities for close interaction and discussions with leading state policy makers;
- Intensive training around "issues-based organizing" and the factors/strategies influencing policy makers; and
- Volunteerism in a leadership capacity during non-work hours through placement with one of the CLYLP summer conference planning committees.

What the Fellowship Offers

- **Scholarship.** Fellows will each receive a scholarship of \$3,000 for the four-week period; these funds will be provided in four (4) installments as part of successful completion of components of the program.
- **Work Placement.** Each fellow will be placed in a legislative office in Sacramento for four (4) weeks and will be assigned mentors to support their work.
- **Housing & Transportation Arrangements.** The fellows will be housed at the California State University, Sacramento campus and will have access to public transportation in order to complete their assigned internship at the State Capitol, volunteer at the CLYLP office, and attend academic course sessions in downtown Sacramento. Interns must pay for their transportation costs.
- **Interactions with State Leaders.** Through CLYLP partners, fellows will have the opportunity to engage key leaders in various sectors of California's life and culture. Site visits and informal gatherings will be provided through the month-long program designed to build community and expand the fellows' leadership and support network.
- **Leadership Development & Training.** The fellows will receive exposure to a leadership curriculum that includes a focus on the inner workings of California government, the factors influencing policy makers and current and future policy issues facing California taught by academic faculty and leaders within the state. In addition, the fellows will serve in key leadership roles in the final planning of the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference.

Qualifications to Apply

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Completed the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference Program, the CLYLP San Joaquin Valley Institute or the CLYLP Los Angeles Institute.
- Demonstrated leadership in their community since participating in the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference.
- Completed at minimum one year of college and be returning to their studies as a full-time undergraduate at an accredited college or university.
- Commit to continuously being in Sacramento from Wednesday, June 29 through Saturday, July 30th and fulfill all the requirements of the program. Weekend travel within these dates is prohibited and will only be approved on a case-by-case basis if discussed and approved prior to the start of the fellowship program.

Please note that the fellowship program is an intensive one-month program, with well planned and strategically planned activities involving a great number of very important people, most of whom have planned for months for the program and are doing so voluntarily. By applying to participate for this program, you do so with full knowledge that your time will be tightly scheduled throughout the entire month of the fellowship program and as such you will not have very much personal time during the program. If you do not think you can handle this type of opportunity, please do not apply.

2011 Application and Fellowship Timeline—Major Milestones

<i>Friday, April 15, 2011</i>	Deadline for applications to be received by mail or fax (See Application Form for mailing address and fax number)
<i>Mid-May</i>	Invitations sent to selected fellows; announcement of CLYLP Comcast Fellowship Class of 2011
<i>Wednesday, June 29th</i>	Fellows arrive in Sacramento
<i>June 30th – July 4th</i>	Orientation
<i>Tuesday, July 5th</i>	Fellows begin placement in legislative offices, begin curriculum/training and work with assigned CLYLP planning committee (more information will be provided on the schedule of activities during orientation)
<i>Saturday, July 23rd</i>	CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference begins
<i>Friday, July 29th</i>	Legislative placements, planning committee work and curriculum/training ends; CLYLP Annual Recognition & Appreciation Celebration (Fellows to be recognized)
<i>Saturday, July 30th</i>	CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference ends; Fellows depart

Resources for Questions

Please contact **Erica Romero** by e-mail using "**CLYLP Comcast Fellowship**" in the subject line, at fellowship@clylp.org with any questions. The CLYLP website can also be located at www.clylp.com.

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Application Requirements

All applicants must submit the following materials by the application deadline:

1. One-page application form and three essays, limited to one page each (maximum is three pages total for essays).
2. List of work, extracurricular, and volunteer experience (resume format required) not to exceed one page.
3. One letter of recommendation from a college/university faculty/staff and/or community leader. The letter of recommendation can be mailed or faxed separately or with the rest of your materials but must be received by the deadline.
4. Copy of either an official college/university transcript or a computer generated, on-line transcript that must include the name of the school and your name.

Applications must be RECEIVED by no later than Friday, April 15, 2011 by either mail or fax at the following:

Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project
C/O HACU
Attention: Comcast Fellowship Selection Committee
915 L St Ste 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

FAX: (916) 446-4028

Please note the following additional information and instructions:

- Failure to provide any of the above requested documents may disqualify you from having your application reviewed.
- Do not staple any of your application materials. You may use a paper clip.
- If you mail your materials, you must ensure that all of the required materials are mailed with sufficient time to reach the CLYLP by April 15th.
- It is your responsibility to make a copy of your completed application for your records.



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2011 Application Form

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____
(City/Zip Code)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender: Female _____ Male _____

College/University: _____

Current Year in School: _____

Major/Course of Study: _____ Degree Goal: _____

Year of Participation in the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

I certify that all the information provided in this form and in this submission of materials is accurate, that I meet the criteria laid out for this program, and that the CLYLP may verify any information I have provided. I also understand and agree to abide by the CLYLP student participation, student expectation and student behavior rules should I be accepted to participate in this program. I give my permission to the CLYLP to release information contained in this application to agencies, colleges or universities in order to provide me with information on graduate or professional schools, financial aid, student services, or career opportunities. I understand that the CLYLP will strive to keep all personal information confidential. I also give permission to the CLYLP to take photographs of me or video tape me during program sponsored activities and understand that these photographs and video may be used for presentations, publicity materials, and overall promotion of the program.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Essay Questions

Please provide answers to each of the essay questions below. The answers should be typed and not exceed one page per question (three pages total).

1. Impact of CLYLP on Leadership

How has the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference experience influenced your current course of study or career goals? What have you accomplished since participating in the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference?

2. Expectation of Fellowship Experience

What do you hope to gain from the CLYLP Comcast Fellowship Program experience and how will you use this opportunity to further your personal and professional goals?

3. Community Needs in California Today

What are the most pressing issues and needs for the Chicano Latino community in California today? What are the most pressing issues facing California in the future and how are the needs of the Chicano Latino community related to these larger issues?