



## La Raza Medical Student Association

### **DR. JOSE IGNACIO CHOCA SCHOLARSHIP**

La Raza Medical Student Association (La RaMA) is a non-profit medical student organization that has been in existence since 1983 at the University of Illinois at Chicago-College of Medicine. Our goal is to provide academic support to Latino medical students and to recruit undergraduate and high school students who wish to pursue careers in medicine. Every year we offer two to four scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to incoming first-year students of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. La RaMA's Scholarship Committee will review the applications and select two applicants. The applicants selected will each receive \$500 for the coming academic year.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be of Hispanic background, a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and an incoming first-year UIC-COM student.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate applicants based on *all* of the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement
2. Activities and honors
3. Personal essay

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications must be hand delivered or **received** no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all of the following materials are received prior to the deadline:

1. Application
2. Transcript (official or unofficial)
3. Personal Essay (500 words maximum; typed and double spaced)

*All materials* should be mailed to:

La RaMA Scholarship Committee c/o  
Hispanic Center of Excellence,  
Suite# 990 College of Medicine East  
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine  
808 S. Wood St,  
Chicago, Illinois 60612-7333  
Phone: (312) 996-4493  
Fax: (312) 996-9922

Scholarship recipients will be presented at the annual La Raza Medical Student Association Banquet on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

*Verification of acceptance and enrollment may be required if selected as a scholarship winner.*

#### **QUESTIONS**

Please contact Mayra Cruz ([mcruz7@uic.edu](mailto:mcruz7@uic.edu)) or Michelle Garrido ([mgarri5@uic.edu](mailto:mgarri5@uic.edu))

## **La Raza Medical Student Association**

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

### **Dr. Jose Ignacio Choca Scholarship Application**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LastName: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family under the age of 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members in college: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my statements on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification or omission of information may disqualify me from this scholarship. All information is completely confidential and will be released only in compliance with Federal and State Law.

Applicant's Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature (if Applicant is under 18 years of age) Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

M1: Name of colleges/universities you have attended

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Verbal/Math: \_\_\_\_\_ MCAT (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any activities, honors, or awards you have received:

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Please list current activities that demonstrate your community service or your social and cultural contributions to the Latino Community. (Please use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Please indicate up to three issues that need to be addressed in the health field today that relate to the Latino community.

1.

\_\_\_\_\_

2.

\_\_\_\_\_

3.

Pick one of the above issues and discuss specific recommendations you would make to correct or address the problem. (Please use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Please describe any obstacles that you have faced during your pursuit of an education. (Please use a separate sheet if necessary.)

**PERSONAL ESSAY** (500 words maximum; typed and double spaced)

*Tell us how you became interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.*