



# 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 students who will be attending college in the Fall semester and who are interested in pursuing a career in the medical profession (medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, etc.), and to incoming first year University of Illinois at Chicago medical students. La RaMA's Scholarship Committee will review the applications and select one male and one female applicant at minimum. The applicants selected will each receive *between \$500 and \$1,000* for the coming academic year.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be of Hispanic background; a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; a senior in high school; accepted into an accredited college or university for the 2007-2008 academic year or 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 *postmarked* no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. 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  
UIC - College of Medicine East Rm 990  
808 S. Wood Street (M/C 591)  
Chicago, IL 60612-7333

Scholarship recipients will be presented at the annual La Raza Medical Student Association Banquet on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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

### **QUESTIONS**

Please contact Valeria Barriuso or Maritza Lizama, La RaMA Academic Chairs, at [vbarrius@uic.edu](mailto:vbarrius@uic.edu), [mlizam2@uic.edu](mailto:mlizam2@uic.edu), or 630-890-6900.

***La Raza Medical Student Association***  
*University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine*

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

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

H.S. Name of colleges/universities you have applied to:  
M1. Name of colleges/ universities you have attended

Check if you received  
a letter of acceptance:

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Verbal/Math Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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

MCAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

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.)

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

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

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