



February 14, 2017

Dear Educational Professional,

The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) is pleased to announce the NHCSL-Comcast Scholarship Initiative for Hispanic High School students. NHCSL is a national organization of Hispanic State Legislators working to design and implement policies and procedures that will impact the quality of life for Hispanic communities throughout the country. Headquartered in Washington, DC, NHCSL was founded in 1989 as a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization.

This scholarship initiative is part of NHCSL's John S. Martinez Leadership Scholarship Fund. Its purpose is to expand and support NHCSL's efforts for "Closing the Achievement Gap" and to increase learning, professional opportunities for Hispanic students. This scholarship is made available through a grant from the Comcast Foundation and was designed to provide assistance to Hispanic high school students wishing to achieve higher educational goals.

The NHCSL-Comcast Scholarship initiative is in its eleventh year. Students from 43 states and territories who reside in a district of a latino state legislator are eligible for opportunity to earn a one-time \$3,000 scholarship to assist with the costs of college tuition. Guidance and financial support will be provided to a total of 11 Hispanic public high school students (no more than 2 from each state), selected from an independent evaluation committee. This effort will be implemented in collaboration with Hispanic state legislators and the schools based in their respective districts.

I encourage you to share the attached program description, eligibility/criteria, with all of the junior and senior Hispanic high school students and other groups/institutions you feel could benefit from this initiative. Through this scholarship, we hope to empower our youth and equip them with the necessary tools to achieve success in their future endeavors. Please visit our website for the online application and additional details about this scholarship: <http://nhcsl.org/ism-scholarship-program-2017.php>.

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 24, 2017

Your role is crucial to the success of this initiative. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-434-8070. Thank you again for your commitment and support.

Sincerely,

Representative Angel Cruz (PA)
President, NHCSL