



Hispanic Women's Network of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chapter  
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Dear School Representative or parent,

Re: Latinas in Progress© Education and Scholarship Program

The Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), Rio Grande Valley Chapter (RGV), is announcing its 6th annual Latinas in Progress© (LIP) Education and Scholarship Program. Latinas in Progress© is designed to encourage young women in high school to explore higher education through learning experiences that provide information, access to opportunity, and financial resources.

HWNT seeks Senior Latina students entering 12th grade in the fall 2021 from Hidalgo, Starr and Cameron Counties who wish to obtain a higher education and are capable with appropriate support and mentoring.

The Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), is a non-profit state-wide organization established in 1986. HWNT's purpose is to seek to promote the advancement of women in public, corporate and civic life through education, personal and professional development. HWNT and its 8 Chapter's statewide unite to celebrate the positive image and values of its Hispanic heritage and empowering women across the great State of Texas.

In 2008 the state HWNT adopted the Latinas in Progress© (LIP) program. HWNT-RGV LIP strives to familiarize participants with college life and the tools to succeed in their personal and professional life. The program is a series of free seminars hosted at local universities and colleges. LIP is designed to encourage young women to stay in school and continue on to college. In addition to helping students prepare for college, the program also incorporates detailed sessions about financial aid opportunities. The seminars are designed to build leadership skills, life skills, and personal development through workshops. This year, the program will virtual

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Mission Statement:

To promote the advancement of women in public, corporate and civic life.



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committed to applying for higher education. Latina ladies entering 12th grade in the fall 2021 with at least a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply. Students must be enrolled in high school. Interested students must submit an application and a parental consent form to the program by October 1, 2021. Once accepted, students will be notified by email. Participation from each student in all of the sessions of the program is expected.

Criterion for selection is based on a desire to enroll in higher education, academic performance, extra-curricular activities, community service, and student commitment.

**Scholarships:** Participants who attend all five sessions are eligible for scholarships. To receive a scholarship the student must submit an application by the deadline set in the spring of 2022 to be announced later. Scholarships are awarded based on session participation, academic performance, involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, and commitment to college enrollment. An average of 10 to 20 scholarships will be awarded with awards ranging from \$250 to \$1000.

**Universities and College Institutions:** Sessions will be held on Saturdays on the campus of a community college or university or supporting sponsor. Host colleges and universities have the opportunity to interact with college candidates and allow them to tour their facilities and learn about their programs.

The seminars will start at 8:30 a.m. and go through 12:00 p.m. Snacks and activities are provided free to the student. Students are to provide their own transportation and punctuality is a must.

Seminars will be held in a variety of institutions such as the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, South Texas College, Texas A & M Higher Education Center at McAllen, The College of Health Care Professions and other sponsored locations.

Below is a tentative schedule.

#### Latinas in Progress© Tentative Program Timeline

November 13, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Session College Preparation/Parent Orientation
December 11, 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session STEM and Leadership Skills
January 8, 2022	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session Financial Responsibility, Assertiveness
February 12, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> Session Civic Engagement (Culture, Politics, Civism)
March 5, 2022	5 <sup>th</sup> Session Life Skills (Safety, Wellness, Health)

We appreciate your support in promoting the program to senior Latina students. Space is limited; therefore, the application due date above will be adhered to. Applications can be found



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at <https://www.hwntrgv.org/education>. Most communication with students will be through email; therefore, accurate email addresses are critical.

This is an outstanding program and we want to ensure accepted applicants will take full advantage of it. For more information you can find us at <https://www.hwntrgv.org>, [www.hwnt.org](http://www.hwnt.org) and on Facebook as HWNT-RGV or Latinas in Progress Scholarship Program Rio Grande Valley. Do not hesitate to contact me at [rgv-parliamentarian@hwnt.org](mailto:rgv-parliamentarian@hwnt.org) should you have any questions about our education series.

Respectfully,

*Clabela (Kelly) Solis*

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