



A Nonprofit Latino Scholarship Organization  
*Committed to building tomorrow's Latino leaders through higher education*



## **THE BECA FOUNDATION, INC.**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The BECA Foundation encourages and empowers aspiring Latino students to pursue higher education through financial and moral support.**

#### **BECA VISION STATEMENT**

##### **The BECA Foundation:**

- will decrease the drop-out rate among Latino students
- will increase the number of Latino Professionals in the community
- will make the "Possible DREAM" of higher education a reality for Latino students
- will become financially self-reliant

#### **STAND VISION STATEMENT**

As first generation university students at Cal State San Marcos, we know the obstacles and situations that many first-time students' face when applying and continuing college. Our goal is to reach students in those situations and help them overcome those obstacles. This scholarship contributes to their ability to continue with their education, which is an important asset for their future.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a high school senior graduating in Spring 2012 or a continuing full time college student;
- Must be resident of the San Diego County;
- Must be a full-time college student (12+ units) in Fall 2012;
- Have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Citizenship is not a requirement

#### **Application Materials**

Please ensure that you provide all the items below. Final candidates will be asked to come in for a formal interview and based upon final evaluation recipients will be chosen and notified.

- **Application:** Complete application in full.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Please attach two letters of recommendation written within the past year. Recommendation letters should be from a high school official, teacher, or any other community individual (other than family member) who has known you for at least two years. Each letter should be addressed to the BECA Foundation, and should include specific comments on your leadership abilities, your future potential, and other factors contributing to your community involvement.
- **Personal Statement (maximum 250 words):** Must be 1-2 pages, typed Times New Roman 12 pt. double-space) answering the following questions:
  - a) How have you overcome obstacles in your life and how has that made you a stronger person?
  - b) Describe your community involvement (i.e. as volunteer work, mentoring, etc.).
  - c) Discuss how you plan to utilize your education to contribute to your community.
- **High School Transcript:** Please mail an official copy of your high school or college transcripts to The BECA Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 936, Escondido, CA 92033.
- **Financial Information:** Provide a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) **OR** complete Financial Information (section B) on application.

### **Instructions**

1. Application, letters of recommendation and personal statement must be sent as word documents via email to [scholarship@becafoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@becafoundation.org) by **March 2, 2012**.
2. Save each file with your last name, first name and document name. See examples.
  - a. Application – Save as “LastnameFirstnameSTANDApplication”
  - b. Personal Statement – Save as “LastnameFirstnameSTANDEssay”
  - c. Letter of Recommendation – Save as “LastnameFirstnameSTANDRecommendation1”
  - d. Letter of Recommendation – Save as “LastnameFirstnameSTANDRecommendation2”
3. Letters of recommendations can be sent directly via email with your application and personal statement by you **OR** your teacher/counselor (whoever is writing your letter of recommendation) to [scholarship@becafoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@becafoundation.org) by **March 2, 2012**. Save letter of recommendation as “LastnameFirstnameSTANDRecommendation”.
4. Official transcript must be received (not postmarked) by **March 2, 2012**. Official transcript must be mailed to: The BECA Foundation, Inc  
 P.O. Box 936  
 Escondido, CA 92033
5. Submit an electronic copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) to [scholarship@becafoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@becafoundation.org) or complete the financial information (section B) on application

**THE BECA FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**STAND Application Form**

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 2, 2012. APPLICATION FORMS, INCLUDING THE REQUIRED ESSAY, WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF RECEIVED BY THE BECA FOUNDATION AFTER THIS DATE. Please make your application is complete and accurate.

**A. General Information**

I am applying for the BECA-STAND Scholarship, and understand that I must be enrolled at an accredited University or Community College in the U.S. for the Fall 2012 semester.

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

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth		Are you a first generation college student?	
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Current High School, College or University?	
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**B. Financial Information**

**Student Financial Profile:** Either a copy of your 2012-2013 Federal Student Aid Report (if you have completed a FAFSA/SAR), or completion of the questions below is required in order for BECA to process your scholarship application.

**Please Mark One**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ I am submitting my FAFSA/SAR with my application packet,  
OR  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ I am completing the financial information below.

**Information about you (Scholarship Applicant, if applicable)**

Your 2011 total taxable income	\$
Your 2011 U.S. income tax paid	\$
Your 2011 total untaxed income (e.g., AFDC, Social Security)	\$
Your total cash, savings and checking account	\$
Your total other assets (e.g., stocks, bonds, trust funds, real estate equity and other investments)	\$

**All applicants who were born before January 1, 1989 must complete the following two questions**

Number in your household	
Number of college students in your household projected for fall 2012 (include yourself)	

**Information about your parent(s). MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED**

Father's/Stepfather's/Guardian's occupation	
Mother's/Stepmother's/Guardian's occupation	

**All applicants who were born on or after January 1, 1989 MUST COMPLETE parental financial information below:**

Parent(s)/Stepparent(s) 2011 total taxable income	\$
Parent(s)/Stepparent(s) 2011 U.S. income tax paid	\$
Parent(s)/Stepparent(s) 2011 total untaxed income (e.g., AFDC, Social Security, child support)	\$
Parent(s)/Stepparent(s) total cash , savings and checking account	\$
Parent(s)/Stepparent(s) real estate equity (do not include principal residence where you live)	\$
Parent(s)/Stepparent(s) other assets (e.g., stocks, bonds, trust funds, other investments)	\$
If parents own a business, business value	\$
If parents own a business, business debt	\$
Number in your parent's household	\$
Number of college students in household projected for fall 2012 (include yourself but not your parents)	\$

If there is anything significant about your family's financial circumstance that is not reflected in your prior responses (e.g., high uninsured medical expenses, changed income in 2011), please comment below. Be specific.

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**Certification:** I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked, I agree to give proof of the information I have provided on this form.

Print Your Name		Date	
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Parent Name		Date	
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