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April 5, 2005

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the Oregon Leadership Institute (OLI). The goal of the OLI is to provide Latino youth throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, explore career options, and gain access to institutions of higher education. OLI is an exciting eight-month curriculum for Latinos ages 15-19 that are motivated to learn about themselves and their culture, and become active in their community.

Since 1986 over 700 youth have participated in the program. The program consists of eight classroom sessions and a graduation. The sessions will address a variety of topics through an innovative, interactive, fun curriculum featuring guest speakers from the community. One of the sessions will be an Outdoor Challenge Course and a camping trip.

The program is fun and exciting, but it is also rigorous and challenging. It requires your commitment to grow and develop as a whole person. We discuss and learn about topics like "Belonging", "Personal Power" and "Uniqueness", as well as topics like "Why Vote?", "Career Possibilities" and "What is a Leader?". You will keep a journal, do some reading, and talk with other students in large and small groups. We will use art and other creative processes to learn about our world and ourselves. Your input about what you are gaining from the program as you go along will be appreciated and listened to, and you will have many opportunities to make sure you are getting what you came for!

While you will have an opportunity to socialize and get to know other students, it is not merely a place to "hang out" with your friends. OLI will provide a safe and supportive place for you to explore yourself, your life, your place in the world and your dreams. It is our intention that you are empowered to create and attain a life you are proud of.

Enclosed is an application form. Please complete it and we will contact you after we receive your application to give you more information. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Gracias!

Application Form  
Oregon Leadership Institute  
Oregon Council For Hispanic Advancement

**IMPORTANT!**

*Your responses to the following questions are completely confidential. Please answer honestly and to the best of your ability. Your acceptance into the Oregon Leadership Institute will be based on whether you and the program director feel you will benefit from the program (this will be decided following an interview conversation with you); it will not be based on the specific details of your personal life.*

**Applications are due back to Mt. Hood Community College, . 26000 SE Stark Street,  
Gresham, OR, 97030 June 30, 2005**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of someone who will always know how to reach you:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you were born outside the USA, number of years you have lived here: \_\_\_\_\_  
Languages you speak (fluently or not): \_\_\_\_\_  
In which languages are you fluent: \_\_\_\_\_  
What language do you most enjoy using and why: \_\_\_\_\_  
Language(s) primarily spoken in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us a little about your family, and the people you live with:

	<u>Name of person</u>	<u>Lives with you?</u>	<u>What would you like us to know about this person?</u>
Mother:	_____	_____	_____
Father:	_____	_____	_____
Guardian:	_____	_____	_____
Sisters:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Brothers:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Others:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Name and address of school you are attending now: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade level in school: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (this will not affect your acceptance into the OLI program)  
Year you expect to graduate from High School: \_\_\_\_\_

*It is important for us to know you - not just your name and where you go to school - but who you are as a person, what matters to you, what your dreams and aspirations are, and where you want support to*

*accomplish your life goals. Please use the following questions to write about yourself in as much detail as you feel comfortable. This application is confidential. The site coordinator will read your answers in order to get to know you better. From time to time, other OCHA staff may read the applications in order to insure that the OLI program is serving the needs of the students.*

What do you most enjoy about high school (favorite subjects, special programs, friends)?

What are you planning to do after graduating from high school? (If you don't know your plans, please write about what you would like to do after high school)

Describe a normal day in your life (when you are in your day to day routine). Please include your family and community, your school and other things when you write.

When you are not in your regular day-to-day routine, what do you like to do?

Please write a short paragraph about your dreams for your future (pretend that there are no obstacles in your way!!) and what do you expect you will be doing in 10 years?

What do you think is unique about you?

What do others say is unique about you?

How do you stand out in a crowd?

What are your values, what do you stand for

Write three important decisions you have had to make in your life, and why are they important to you:

1)

2)

3)

Write about a time when you were certain that your life really counted.

Think about your life -- What do you really like about your life:

What do you like or most appreciate about yourself?

What changes have you made in your life that you are proud of?

What do you wish was different about your life and yourself?

What are the things about life that you most fear or worry about? This could include "barriers" you feel you have to accomplishing what you would really like to do.

What is the one thing you most want to do before your life is over?

Please write a brief essay (up to one page) about what you want to gain from your participation in OLI.

What else do you want to know about the Oregon Leadership Institute to help you decide if participating in the program is something that will make a difference for you?