

Access to Postsecondary Education And Financial Aid

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As a leader in education of Hispanic youth, ASPIRA has created a leadership development model for communities and groups to increase Latino representation in higher education. This model also includes intervention programs, especially in mathematics and science-based careers, as well as TRIO programs, such as Upward Bound and Talent Search.

To support college aspirations of Latino youth, ASPIRA supports

- increases in Pell Grants and other federal financial assistance to allow more Latino youth to afford college;
- college-based affirmative action programs that actively seek out Latino students to attend college;
- the Dream Act that would allow over 60,000 undocumented high school graduates to attend college and seek a pathway to legalization.

ASPIRA strongly opposes imposing a higher loan burden on Latino families so their children can attend college.

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