



## St. Vrain Valley Schools EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**Scholarship Name:** Longmont Latinx Voices Scholarship

**Award:** Six (6) awards of \$1,000 each

**Background:** The Longmont Latinx Voices (LLV) group was created in 2019 to help raise funds for local students to help elevate them to a better place through the power of knowledge. They focus on increasing access to education, extracurricular activities and participation in the civic process. Their mission is to provide scholarships through cultural community fundraisers to increase educational and extracurricular opportunities for Latinx youth in the St Vrain Valley School District.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a high school senior at a St. Vrain Valley Schools high school.
- Be planning to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited **trade school, two-year or four-year college or university** located in the United States, beginning the fall of 2023.
- Be a Latinx, Latina or Latino student with at least one parent of Latinx Heritage.
- Have a 2.0 grade point average or higher.
- Be a student with financial need.

### Application Process:

**Step1:** Complete the online scholarship application on the St. Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation website ([www.stvrainfoundation.org](http://www.stvrainfoundation.org)). You will be required to submit the following information:

- **Application Information** to include name, address, phone number, email address, high school, GPA, high school transcript, graduation date and name of college, university or trade school the student will be attending.
- **Financial Need** including the EFC from the FAFSA, the FAFSA SAR report and/or one – two paragraphs explaining the students financial aid situation or financial need.
- **Volunteer and Community Service**
- **High School Honors and Awards**
- **High School Activities**
- **Leadership Positions**
- **Paid Work Experience** (if applicable)
- **Letters of Recommendation** to include one from a teacher, administrator or counselor and one from a community member who is not a family member.

**Step 2:** Complete the Longmont Latinx Voices Scholarship application via SVVSEF scholarship platform on Kaleidoscope.

- **Personal Essay** that is 500 words or less. This is your opportunity to tell the selection committee about yourself. The topic of the essay is **“How have you impacted your family and/or local community through civic engagement and how do you plan to make an impact in the future?”**. Please make sure to include:
  - What you have done and will do in the future to make a difference and have an impact with your family and/or local community?
  - How you will make your future plans happen?
  - How do you see it benefiting your family and/or local community, those around you or those in need, both now and in the future?

**Additional Scholarship Award Details:** Each of the six scholarships are awarded in honor or memory of a member or supporter of the Latinx community in Longmont.

- **Jeff “Beaver” Cordova** was unlawfully killed in 1989. Although his death was tragic, the Latinx community came together to fight for justice. The incident created a turn in the history of Longmont, CO. The city and the community came together to fight for justice and advocate for Chicano rights. He was a very kind-hearted wonderful person who cared so much for his family.
- **Linda Marquez**, was born and raised in Longmont, where she has always been an advocate for community change. She has served as an example of strength, resilience and commitment for many, especially to Latina women. Linda has always believed in the importance of civic engagement and civic participation in order to advance our community through education, voting and making sure everyone's voice is heard and the importance of remembering your roots.
- **Marta Moreno** has served the Latinx Community for over 40 years. She was a founder and executive Director of El Comite de Longmont. When people in the community didn't know where to go to for help they always knew that Marta knew the answer. Marta's mantra is without actions there are no miracles and if you want peace, work for justice. "Sin accion no aye milagros y si quieres paz lucha por la justicia."
- **Bob Norris** has been an active supporter of the immigrant community including scholarship programs and early childhood education. He served several years on the board of El Comite de Longmont.
- **Jennie Rodriguez**, born in Mountaineer, New Mexico, gave life and loving devotion to 6 children. She fought for the rights of city workers to help get them raises in the 70's when her father worked for Waste Collection in Longmont. Standing up all of her 4 feet and 11 inches nose pointed up whenever she had been wronged by someone, she stood up for LGBTQ+ and children's rights and made sure people were represented in local government by helping in voter registration drives, interpreting for those who spoke Spanish. Jennie Rodriguez was a guardian of human rights.
- **Vic Vela Sr** was more than a sports coach for decades. He was an inspiration to hundreds of youth who learned how to become young men with better futures because of what Vic taught them. Now Vic is using his leadership to help others create scholarships and opportunities for sports and extracurricular involvement for Latinx students.