

# N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program

## 2017-18 School Year Application

### Due Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017



**We are seeking Latino/a/x or Hispanic 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants who are motivated to:**

- + Serve and lead in their Latinx communities and beyond
- + Pursue academic excellence and personal growth
- + Refine their leadership and critical thinking skills
- + Obtain mentorship and career/college resources

**We encourage all Latinx students to apply - while we have more spots available for students who will be sophomores for the Fall of 2017 (current 9<sup>th</sup> graders), we do consider applications from other grade levels.**

Were you or your parents born outside the U.S.?

Will you be the first person in your family to go to college?

Do you want to give back to your community? Want to be a better leader?

Looking for a mentor to help guide you through the college application process?

**Then, our High School Scholars Program is a great fit for you!**

## N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program Description

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### Sli Scholars receive year-round support that includes the following:

**Mentorship and Support Network:** Mentorship from current college students in addition to a full support team that includes N.C. Sli staff, faculty, and teacher support at partner schools

**Academic and Personal Enrichment:** Workshops that focus on personal and professional development that provide the resources and tools necessary to thrive after high school

**College and Career Prep:** Advising to help students make the best decision regarding which post-high school opportunities are the best fit, including assistance with the college application, financial aid, and scholarship processes

### N.C. Sli Program Dates:

Sli Scholars and their families also participate in monthly programming during the school year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Students will also meet 2-3 times per month within their home counties for additional programming. Students are expected to meet and communicate with mentors who will support their participation and the program goals.

### Expectations for Participation:

If selected as a Sli Scholar, you would be expected to:

- Participate in programming beginning in the Summer of 2017 through high school graduation;
- Attend Sli Scholar Orientation - tentatively planned for early August;
- Attend weekend events during the academic school years;
- Communicate with your mentor on a regular basis during each semester of high school;
- Strive for strong academic achievement;
- Be positive role models in your communities;
- Respect all program participants and staff members

## Who Should Apply:

N.C. Sli is committed to enrolling Latinx high school students who are the best fit for the support this program provides.

## Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- + self-identify as Latino/a/x or Hispanic;
- + come from immigrant families (students or parents were born outside the U.S.);
- + attend public schools in one of the following districts: Chapel Hill / Carrboro City Schools, Orange County, Lee County, Chatham County;
- + come from families with limited financial resources;
- + have parents who did not attend college or whose college degrees are from outside the U.S. (first-generation college students)

## We are seeking students who demonstrate the following:

- + work collaboratively and effectively with others;
- + show commitment to academic achievement and personal growth;
- + are interested in developing leadership skills;
- + aim to serve and improve their local communities;
- + are willing to explore new ideas and engage in challenging conversations

## Submitting Your Application:

Online applications - including a required parent questionnaire - can be found at <http://ncsli.unc.edu>. If you are unable to complete the application online, we are happy to accept paper student applications and parent questionnaires. Paper applications and questionnaires must be postmarked by **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to the address below. If you have any difficulties mailing or submitting this application, please contact our N.C. Sli staff at (919) 843-5286 or email [sli@unc.edu](mailto:sli@unc.edu).

Mail completed paper application packets to the following address:

### **N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program**

Attn: Elaine Townsend Utin  
301 Pittsboro Street, Suite #3021  
Campus Box 5145  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Please Print.** Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

By what name should we call you? \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Your Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What's the best way to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_ What's your ethnicity? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you self-identify as Latina, Latino, Latinx, and/or Hispanic? \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Which language(s) do you speak at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary needs or allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Which county do you currently reside in? \_\_\_\_\_

**N.C. Sli only serves Latinx students from public schools in the following districts: Chapel Hill / Carrboro City Schools, Orange County, Lee County, Chatham County.** If you do not attend a school in one of these districts, we welcome you to email [sli@unc.edu](mailto:sli@unc.edu) to ask about the possibilities of bringing N.C. Sli to your county!

**N.C. Sli believes in supporting all students regardless of any legal circumstances.** We understand the additional challenges that undocumented students face in attending and paying for college and we work with students to overcome these obstacles. If comfortable, please indicate your status below:

- a U.S. Citizen  Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)  Temporary Protection Status (TPS)
- Eligible Non-Citizen (Asylee, Refugee, T Visa)  a U.S. Permanent Resident (Green Card holder)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of any other college access support and/or mentoring program?**

- Upward Bound  Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate  AVID  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you find out about N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program?**

- Current Scholar  School Announcement  Teacher  Email  Social Media  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to share your social media handles below to get connected.** N.C. Sli shares resources for Latinx students on these channels: Facebook / Snapchat = @carolinasli | Twitter / Instagram = @carolina\_sli

Facebook Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Snapchat: \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following sections.** *Feel free to type and attach your responses if you need more space.*

### **1. Extracurricular Activities:** *What do you do when you're not in class?*

List the activities in which you participate.

**School Activities:** This includes school clubs, sports teams, or anything that's school sponsored.

**Volunteer / Community Activities:** This includes activities at your church or local organizations.

**Hobbies:** Things you do for fun!

**Work / Family Commitments:** This includes any babysitting or family obligations, as well as paid jobs.

### **2. Personal Responses:** *Help us get to know you!*

*Please submit your responses on separate paper. We encourage you to type and print your answers.*

**Answer the following two questions.** Respond to each in 50 - 200 words.

1. Explain why you are interested in being a Sli Scholar.
2. How do you think N.C. Sli can help you reach your goals?

Respond to **one of the two** prompts below in 50 - 200 words.

- Tell us about the factors that have influenced your hopes and dreams the most.
- Describe a person you admire and how this person influenced you.

Respond to **one of the two** prompts below in 50 - 200 words.

- What is something that people don't necessarily know about you, but that you think they should?
- What do you hope will change about the place where you live?

### 3. Just for Fun: *Let your personality shine! Short answers welcome.*

You've just reached your one millionth hit on your YouTube video. What is the video about?

We challenge you to describe yourself as fully & accurately as possible in the 140-character limit of a tweet.

What's the last TV show or movie you watched or song you listened to?

What's your favorite comfort food?

### 4. Signature and Agreement

By signing the following application, I am acknowledging that I wish to be accepted into the N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program. My signature indicates that if I am accepted into the High School Scholars Program I will make this program my **number one priority**. I understand that full participation in the program is essential to my student success and **agree not to plan vacations and other activities that conflict with the N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program**. I will participate fully (i.e., attend Sli Scholar orientation, any summer programming, and participate in weekly meetings during the school year, communicate regularly with my mentor and N.C. Sli staff; with the exception of illness, family emergencies, or a career related conflict).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## 2017-18 Parent Questionnaire

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**Families United for Education**

Through *Families United for Education*, N.C. Sli provides monthly workshops for parents and guardians to learn about the college application process and collect resources to best support their students. Recognizing the vast importance of family and parent involvement, N.C. Sli strives to create a space where parents/guardians or other family members can actively participate in supporting their students. By equipping families with the tools and resources to navigate the school system and college application process, we hope to encourage and advocate for parents through any obstacle they may encounter in their student's academic journey. Topics are usually crowd-sourced from families and discussions range from navigating scholarship applications to federal aid. Workshops are hosted primarily in Spanish.

**We encourage the participation of all families & the following expectations from parents / guardians:**

- Attend monthly Families United for Education workshops
  - Please communicate if you are unable to attend, especially if an event interferes with work or other emergencies.
- Come ready to engage with the workshops
- Use any relevant information from workshops to facilitate conversations with your student

**N.C. Sli also provides child care services during UNC events.****Statement of Non-Discrimination:**

While N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program is designed to serve Latinx students, we do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation in the recruitment and admissions of students or implementation of our program curriculum. As a supportive & inclusive community, N.C. Sli will not support or condone behaviors that violate the integrity of any individual or group. While N.C. Sli respects the right of its community to exercise free speech, behaviors will not be tolerated that may be considered discrimination, harassment, destruction of property, or acts of violence.

**Please Print: Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Name of Parent/ Legal Guardian completing this form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence:** *With whom does the student live?*

Father and Mother  Mother  Father  Mother and Stepfather  Father and Stepmother

Grandparent(s)  Guardian/Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian #1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Divorced  Single  Remarried  Widow

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed: (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Did you attend college? \_\_\_\_ If yes, what college: \_\_\_\_\_

Years completed: 1 2 3 4 4+ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian #2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Divorced  Single  Remarried  Widow

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed: (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Did you attend college? \_\_\_\_ If yes, what college: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Household Income Range:** What is the yearly income of your family?

Less than \$24,300  \$24,300 - \$26,550  \$26,500 - \$42,500

\$42,500 - \$53,100  \$53,100 - \$60,000  \$60,000 or higher

**Household Information:** (please check)

Do you live in?  a house  an apartment  a trailer  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you?  own  rent  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Other children in the applicant's home:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**List any family member(s) who have participated in N.C. Sli High School Scholars Program.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**How many children listed above are currently in college or plan to attend a 4-year college next year?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Free/Reduced Lunch**

Does your student receive free or reduced lunch?  Yes  No  Not Sure  
 Has your student qualified for free or reduced lunch in the past?  Yes  No  Not Sure  
 Does any child in your household qualify for free or reduced lunch?  Yes  No  Not Sure

**Allergies / Medical Issues:**

Does your student have specific allergies or any other medical issues that are important for us to know?

**Additional Information:**

Is there any other information that is important for us to know?

**Release of School Records:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of the N.C. Sli Scholar nominee \_\_\_\_\_, grant the staff of N.C. Sli the right to request and receive my student's school records throughout the time he/she is enrolled in N.C. Sli. If selected, I grant permission for N.C. Sli staff to visit my student during the school year.

**Please print:** Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Responsibilities and Expectations**

I understand that to be selected my student is required to attend an interview at their high school. I understand that if my student is accepted, this is a three-year commitment. My signature indicates that I will make N.C. Sli a top priority for my student and help ensure transportation for my student. I understand that full participation in the program is essential to my student's success and **agree not to plan vacations and other activities that conflict with N.C. Sli programming.** Additionally, I will make every effort to attend parent meetings and support my student's development in the High School Scholars Program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian)