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## **Loomis Scholarship for Education and Advancement**

The Latino Culture began its influence on the Loomis family (Donald in the Peace Corps and Diane as an exchange student) approximately 60 years ago in Chile. They had traveled in and through more than a dozen Spanish-speaking countries and worked at a multi-national school in Colombia for six years. Don and Diane Loomis recognized the value of education and service, especially to those who are marginalized or underprivileged due to their background, immigration status, or life circumstances. They started this scholarship fund with a desire to open doors for Latino immigrants, the people and culture who were near and dear to their hearts, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue an education or seek additional professional training.

### **Applicant Criteria**

- Applicants must be first or second-generation Latino immigrants, living in or around Sioux Falls, SD; first preference will be given to SD residents.
- Preference is given to applicants who are the head-of-household and who can demonstrate a financial need.
- Potential recipients may be DACA students attending college, second-generation Latino students pursuing an education or professional training, or first-generation Latino immigrants seeking to obtain licensure in their career, especially as it pertains to out-of-country degrees or licenses being invalid. Other areas of need will be considered.
- All applicants must submit a complete application and a letter of recommendation, either personal or professional, in order to qualify. For more details on how to receive an application, please call the Caminando Juntos Office at 605-274-3735 and ask for the Educational Coordinator.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Scholarship awards will be based on financial need and education costs, with a range between \$1000 -\$2500 per person.
- Each applicant may only apply once.
- Funds may be used to cover the cost of post-secondary education, job-specific training (not covered by the applicant's employer), professional license fees or training (not covered by employer), technical school tuition, tuition, fees, books, and any other education or professional development-related cost.

Completed applications may be submitted to the Educational Coordinator at Caminando Juntos.