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January 9, 2012

Dear HWNT Members and Friends:

We are so excited to announce that the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), Fort Worth Chapter is now taking applications for the 2012-2013 *Latinas in Progress*® (LIP®) education and leadership series. We are seeking high school Latina students entering their senior or junior year, Fall 2012, who are eager and motivated to pursue higher education. **We are seeking your help in recommending candidates who can benefit from participating in LIP®.**

LIP® strives to familiarize senior high school Latinas with college life and the tools to succeed in their personal and professional life. Our education and leadership series consists of five learning sessions, volunteer opportunities, and a Hermanitas® mentorship program. Our series enables the students to participate in five modules where they will (1) learn more about applying to college and college life; (2) improve their writing skills; (3) learn to be more assertive; (4) learn about the importance of civic participation; and (5) learn about health and wellness tips and other important life skills. The sessions are taught at local partner colleges and universities during one Saturday a month during the school year from September 2012 to February 2013. LIP also exposes the participants to mentors/Madrinas®: Latina women who share their stories of overcoming adversity, achieving higher education, and professional success. The sessions provide enriching learning experiences and encouragement by providing access to opportunities, information, financial resources, and exposure to universities.

If you know of a Latina student who may be eligible and you would like to recommend, please have them fill out the enclosed Application and Checklist and mail to the above address postmarked by March 9, 2012. Once students are admitted to the program they will be sent a welcome packet with additional information. As always, we appreciate your support and efforts as we strive to support and encourage our youth.

Cordially,

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Attachments

1. Letter to Parents – English
2. Letter to Parents – Spanish
3. Letter to Students
4. LIP Description
5. LIP Application – to be mailed in, postmarked by 03/09/12
6. LIP Checklist – be mailed in, postmarked by 03/09/12



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Dear Parent(s):

Your daughter is eligible to participate in the *Latinas in Progress*® (*LIP*®) education and leadership series sponsored by the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), Fort Worth Chapter. This information packet has the details about the education series to which we are inviting your daughter to participate. HWNT has a genuine commitment to educating Latinas, and we want the participants of our series to continue their education after graduating high school.

Our education series consists of five learning sessions taught one Saturday a month during the school year, from September 2012 to February 2013. The sessions are held at local partner universities: University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County College, University of North Texas, Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan University, and Texas Women's University. The first session entails a full day of workshops and presentations to help students and their parents with the college preparation process. **At least one** parent of the participant **must** be in attendance at the first session on **September 15, 2012**. Participants **MUST ATTEND ALL FIVE SESSIONS and complete all assignments** and complete 20 community service hours to be eligible to apply for HWNT's scholarships Below is the *tentative* agenda for the education series:

1. September 15, 2012 – College 101 Module: Full day of college preparation material 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
2. October 20, 2012 – Writing Skills Module: Writing workshop focusing on admissions and scholarship essays 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
3. November 17, 2012 – Latinas in Power and Civism Module: Session focusing on Hispanic History & Culture and Latinas in Politics and Civism 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
4. December 15, 2012 – Madrina®/Hermanita® Social: Optional social, time to be determined
5. January 19, 2013 – The Assertive Latina Module: Session focusing on assertiveness training 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
6. February 16, 2013 – Life Skills Module: Session focusing on skills and tools for success in life and college 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
7. March – HWNT Scholarship Awards Banquet: date and time to be determined

Your support is imperative for your daughter to be able to complete the series successfully. Please encourage her to apply only if there can be a commitment to attend all five sessions. University location for the sessions will be disclosed upon acceptance to LIP® and announced on the LIP website: <http://www.lipfw.org>. This is a premier program and we want to ensure accepted applicants will take full advantage of it. Light meals are always provided and transportation is provided to *some* sites out of the Fort Worth area.

We will share more information about upcoming sessions once we enroll all participants. Do not hesitate to call us should you have further questions about our education series.

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<p>HWNT FW 2011-2012 Junta Directiva</p> <p>Judy Perez Presidenta</p> <p>Cindy Olivera Vicepresidenta de Membresía</p> <p>Nancy Galvan Vice Presidenta de Relaciones Públicas</p> <p>Lucie Santiago- Allen Vice Presidenta de Recaudación de Fondos</p> <p>Jessica Bonilla Secretaria</p> <p>M. Victoria Ruiz Tesorera</p> <p>Amanda Arizola Parlamentaria</p> <p>Diana Pittman Historiadora</p> <p>Anna M. Alvarado Directora de Educación</p> <p>Anette Soto Co-Directora de Educación</p> <p>Danna Diaz, Ph.D. Directora de Becas</p> <p>Christina Elbitar Presidenta Anterior</p>	<p>9 de enero de 2012</p> <p>Estimado(s) padre(s):</p> <p>Su hija es elegible para participar en la Serie Educativa Latinas In Progress (LIP©) ofrecida por la Red de Mujeres Hispanas (HWNT por sus siglas en inglés), capítulo de Fort Worth. En este paquete de información se encuentran los detalles de la serie educativa a la cual estamos invitando a su hija a participar. HWNT tiene un compromiso genuino con la educación de las mujeres y jóvenes hispanas y queremos contribuir a que las jóvenes seleccionadas para participar en nuestro programa continúen su educación luego de haberse graduado de escuela superior.</p> <p>Nuestro programa educativo consiste de cinco sesiones. Solo uno de los padres, tutor legal o persona encargada de la participante deberá estar presente en la primera sesión el 15 septiembre de 2012. Las participantes deberán asistir a cada una de las sesiones educativas y completar todas las tareas para ser elegibles a solicitar las becas de HWNT al final del programa. El itinerario de las sesiones educativas es la siguiente:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 15 de septiembre de 2012 – Módulo de Preparación para la Universidad: Todo un día de orientación para prepararse para entrar a la Universidad, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM2. 20 de octubre de 2012 – Módulo de Escritura: Medio día de práctica de escritura, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM3. 17 de noviembre de 2012 – Módulo de Latinas en la Política: Medio día de charlas sobre historia y cultura hispana, política pública y civismo, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM4. 15 de diciembre de 2012 – Evento social para Madrinas®/Hermanitas®: Evento opcional social, horario y lugar será anunciado próximamente.5. 19 de enero de 2013 – Módulo Latina Asertiva: Medio día de adiestramiento para mejorar la asertividad, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM6. 16 de febrero de 2013 – Módulo de destrezas de vida: Medio día de adiestramiento en destrezas y herramientas para el éxito en la universidad y la vida 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM7. Marzo de 2013 – Celebración de hijas y madres y presentación de becas para alumnas de LIP, horario y lugar será anunciado próximamente. <p>Su apoyo es imprescindible para que su hija complete nuestro programa exitosamente. La participante debe de entrar al programa solamente si puede ir a todas las sesiones. Una vez completado el proceso de admisión a LIP©, le enviaremos información específica sobre las direcciones de las universidades en las cuales se celebrarán las sesiones. El programa se ofrece libre de costo para las participantes. Las participantes también disfrutarán de comida libre de costo y el transporte a algunas universidades fuera del área del Fort Worth también se proporciona libre de costo.</p> <p>Estoy a su disposición para contestar cualquier pregunta con respecto a nuestro programa educativo.</p> <p>Cordialmente,</p> <p>Anna M. Alvarado, Education Chair 817-377-8833 Fw-education@hwnt.org</p> <p>Anette Soto, Co-Education Chair 817-207-1159 fw-coeducation@hwnt.org</p> <p>Comentarios:</p> <p>El horario y fecha de las sesiones puede cambiar. Cambios a este itinerario se notificarán por escrito previo al evento. La participante es responsable de asistir a TODAS las sesiones. Este itinerario de eventos es oficial a menos que se notifique lo contrario. Por favor guardar esta carta para referencia futura.</p>
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January 9, 2012

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the *Latinas in Progress*® (*LIP*®) education and leadership series sponsored by the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), Fort Worth Chapter. A series designed to engage and encourage senior high school Latinas to further their education through mentorship and self-development. We will provide you with the tools to succeed in your personal and professional life. LIP® is a premier, award-winning program, and product of joint efforts among HWNT-Fort Worth, partner universities in the area, local school districts, and the community.

Our education series consists of five learning sessions taught during one Saturday a month throughout the school year, from September 2012 to February 2013. Sessions are held at local partner universities: University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County College, University of North Texas, Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan University, and Texas Women's University. The schedule is as follows:

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7. March – HWNT Scholarship Awards Banquet: date and time to be determined

There are several benefits if you participate in our program. Some benefits include:

- Automatic enrollment into our Madrina® Mentorship program designed for personal and direct coaching and guidance throughout the year.
- Information about scholarships and special programs from different entities, organizations, corporations, colleges, and universities.
- If you attend ALL 5 sessions and complete 20 hours of community service, you will be eligible to apply for HWNT's scholarships/awards for college in 2013.
- Access to the best academic institutions in the area, with exclusive LIP only campus tours.
- Free membership to Sister Cities International Exchange Program.
- Invitation to many HWNT's events and community events including government, civic, and professional organizations in the area.
- Interaction with other young Latina leaders like you!

This is a premier program and we want to ensure accepted applicants will take full advantage of it. There is no cost to participate in the series but is only reserved for those who are genuinely interested in succeeding and advancing their education. Light meals are always provided and transportation is provided to *some* sites out of the Fort Worth area. Only apply if you can commit to attend **all five sessions**. After enrolling in the program, you will also be expected to volunteer 20 hours of your time to help in HWNT-Fort Worth events throughout the year. See enclosed Checklist.

I invite you to visit our website www.lipfv.org to learn more about our organization, and to take this invitation letter to your parents. We will share more information about upcoming sessions once we enroll all participants. Do not hesitate to call me should you have further questions about our education series.

Cordially,

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Notes: Schedule of sessions may change. Students will be notified of any changes in schedule. If no further notice is given, the calendar stays as it is. Please, save this letter for future reference. You are responsible for attending all five sessions.



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LATINAS IN PROGRESS® (LIP®) EDUCATION SERIES

Purpose:

The Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), Fort Worth Chapter has developed an education series designed to engage and encourage senior high school Latinas to further their education through mentorship and self-development.

Description

HWNT-Fort Worth's education series is named *Latinas in Progress® (LIP®)*. LIP® strives to familiarize senior high school Latinas, with college life and the tools to succeed in their personal and professional life. Our education series consists of five learning sessions, volunteer opportunities, and a Hermanitas® mentorship program. The sessions of the series are taught at local partner colleges and universities during one Saturday a month during the school year. LIP also exposes the participants to mentors/Madrinas®: Latina women who share their stories of overcoming adversity, achieving higher education, and professional success. The sessions provide enriching learning experiences and encouragement by providing access to opportunities, information, financial resource, and exposure to universities.

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6. February 16, 2013 – Life Skills Module: Half day session focusing on skills and tools for success in life and college 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
7. March – HWNT Scholarship Awards Banquet Honoring our Mothers and Daughters, date, time and location to be determined

Benefits for Students to Be Part of LIP®:

- Automatic enrollment into our Madrina® Mentorship program for personal and direct coaching and guidance throughout the year.
- Information about scholarships and special programs from different entities, organizations, corporations, colleges, and universities.
- If the student attends ALL 5 sessions, and complete 20 hours of community service they will be eligible to apply for HWNT's scholarships/awards for college in 2012.
- Access to the best academic institutions in the area, with exclusive LIP only campus tours.
- Free membership to Sister Cities International Exchange Program.
- Invitation to many HWNT's events and community events including government, civic, and professional organizations in the area.

- Interaction with other young Latina leaders.

Requirements for Acceptance to the Program:

High school student ladies of Hispanic/Latino decent entering their senior or junior year in Fall 2012 are encouraged to apply. Students must be enrolled in high schools, preferably in Tarrant County; however, students everywhere are eligible to participate, regardless of their place of residence. Interested students must submit an application and checklist for admission to the program by the announced deadline. Once accepted, students will receive an acceptance letter. Participation in **all five** sessions of the program is expected from each student. In addition to attending and participating in all five sessions, students are also required to comply with the other series requirements, such as volunteering, in order to be eligible to apply for HWNT-Fort Worth scholarships. See enclosed checklist for requirements.

Host Universities and Colleges:

Universities and Colleges in Tarrant County are welcome to host the LIP Program. Host universities have the opportunity to interact with college candidates and allow them to see their facilities and learn about their programs. Host universities are encouraged to distribute information and promotional materials to participants. Usually host universities and colleges provide light meals and coffee breaks for the participants.

Mentorship:

LIP participants have access to established professional women as mentors during the duration of the program. Mentorship relationships foster confidence, allow learning through role modeling, and offer valuable advice and support to participants. Mentors interact and communicate with mentees to ensure retention in our program and aid with college preparation.

Scholarships:

Participants who attend all five sessions and comply with the program's workload will be **eligible** to apply for HWNT-Fort Worth's scholarships at the end of the school year; participation in our program alone **does not** guarantee scholarship awards. Students must apply for scholarships and comply with the Scholarship Committee's requirements in order to **compete** for available scholarships. Throughout the year, students are also made aware of many scholarship opportunities from other organizations and corporations, and are encouraged to apply.

Fees and Costs:

LIP is offered to young Latinas **free of charge**. Sponsorship from host universities, HWNT-Fort Worth, and the community make our educational program free for participants.

Program Information:

For further information about HWNT LIP please visit the LIP website: <http://www.lipfw.org> or contact Anna M. Alvarado, Education Chair, at 817-377-8833, fw-education@hwnt.org or Anette Soto, Co-Education Chair at 817-205-1159, fw-coeducation@hwnt.org.



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Deadline: Postmarked by March 9, 2012

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LATINAS IN PROGRESS EDUCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

I _____ certify that I am the Parent or Legal Guardian of _____, the student on this application, and am authorized to give permission and consent for the student to participate in the *Latinas in Progress*® (LIP®) education series.

I understand that the series is conducted by the Hispanic Woman’s Network of Texas (HWNT) a non-profit organization and the materials will be presented by its members and volunteers from the local community.

I agree and do hereby waive and release all claims against HWNT, and persons engaged in the series and agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my daughter for personal injury or illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that may occur to my daughter.

My child also has my permission to be photographed or recorded by:

1. HWNT Staff, and/or
2. News Media (television, newspaper, radio, magazines, internet) in relation with the series for any of the advertising and promotion of HWNT and LIP© without further notice to me.

I also agree:

1. To hold harmless HWNT and its representatives from any claims or caused of action directly or indirectly related to the transporting, photographing, videotaping or audio taping of my child for the purpose stated above.
2. To waive all monetary or other claims that might arise as a result of the use stated above.

Name of Student	Name of Parent or Guardian
Student Signature and Date	Parent or Guardian Signature and Date
Student Date of Birth	
E-Mail Address	Address
Name of High School and Graduation Date	Home Phone Number
Careers of Interest	Parent’s or Guardian’s Cell Phone Number
College or University Preference (1 st and 2 nd choice)	Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number
Student’s Cell Phone Number	(Other Information you wish to share)

Please indicate how you were referred to HWNT LIP Education Series: Counselor (name : _____) OR

Friend of Former LIP Student (name : _____) Sibling of Former LIP Student (name : _____)
Parent is Member of HWNT (name : _____) Friend of HWNT (name : _____)

Applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN March 9, 2012 to be considered for admission. Applications postmarked after April 30th will not be accepted. Please send COMPLETED Application (must provide all information requested above) and Checklist to HWNT P.O. Box 1523, Fort Worth, TX 76101. For questions contact Anna M. Alvarado, HWNT-FW Education Chair at 817-377-8833 , fw-education@hwnt.org or Anette Soto at 817-205-1159, fw-coeducation@hwnt.org.



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CHECKLIST AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree and commit to the following:

- ✓ Attend all modules and complete all assignments in order to remain in the program and be eligible for HWNT scholarships.
- ✓ Participate in the mentoring program.
- ✓ Provide a current email address and keep HWNT updated on contact information.
- ✓ Respond promptly to communications by HWNT members and Madrinas
- ✓ Have an interest in pursuing higher education.
- ✓ Complete at least 20 hours of community service.
- ✓ Regularly visit the HWNT website for LIP program information.
- ✓ Contact HWNT at any time with questions, comments or concerns.

By signing below, you agree to the above conditions.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Note: If you can't meet the above conditions please do not apply. Please send Checklist along with application to HWNT P.O. Box 1523, Fort Worth, Texas 76101 NO LATER THAN MARCH 9, 2012. For questions contact For questions contact Anna M. Alvarado, HWNT-FW Education Chair at 817-377-8833 , fw-education@hwnt.org or Anette Soto at 817-205-1159, fw-coeducation@hwnt.org



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Applicants: Please use the space provided below with anything that further describes you and your ability or desires to participate in the Latinas in Progress program. Be as creative as you wish.