

The NALEO Educational Fund At-A-Glance

The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan organization that empowers Latinos to participate fully in the American political process, from citizenship to public service. Established in 1981, the NALEO Educational Fund is making significant contributions to the progress of the nation's 45.5 million Latinos.

- The NALEO Educational Fund achieves its mission through an integrated strategy that include increasing the effectiveness of Latino policymakers, mobilizing the Latino community to engage in civic life, and promoting policies that advance Latino civic engagement.
- The NALEO 8th Biennial National Institute for Newly Elected Officials, set to be held November 18-21, 2010 in Washington, D.C. is a national training seminar held every two years in November following the general election. The NALEO Educational Fund will invite 60 newly-elected officials from across the country for this intensive three-day orientation to public life.
- The NALEO Education Leadership Initiative assists the nation's Latino policymakers with technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities designed to increase their governance skills and effectiveness as education policymakers and advocates. The Initiative provides training on the topics of higher education access, bridging the education gap, and early childhood education.
- The NALEO Healthy Communities Initiative develops Latino policymakers' ability to become effective health advocates to eliminate childhood obesity and promote the health of the communities they serve. Our second health oriented program, the NALEO California Health Leadership Program, fosters a cadre of Latino policymakers who are poised to assume positions of leadership to directly affect the health and well-being of Latinos throughout California. Our third health-focused program is the biennial NALEO Latino Legislative Summit on Health Disparities, which in late 2009 provided Latino state legislators with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of health disparities and the intersection between state and federal health and economic policy.
- Given the current economic climate, a timely Policy Institute on Public Finance will be held from October 8-10, 2010 in Houston. The goal of the Policy Institute is to strengthen the ability of Latino municipal officials to effectively navigate the public finance and budgeting processes in order to maintain the livelihood of their municipalities during times of both economic growth and recession.
- Recognized as the "Latino Political Convention," the NALEO Annual Conference has evolved into a professional development program providing jurisdictional professional development training, non-partisan policy discussions, and an extensive networking forum. The NALEO 27th Annual Conference will be held in Denver, June 24-26, 2010.
- The *ya es hora ¡Ciudadanía!* (It's Time, Citizenship!) campaign has proved itself as a successful model for reaching the Latino community as it easily surpassed its goal of helping to mobilize 1.4 million legal permanent residents to apply for citizenship. Serving as the second phase of the campaign, the *ya es hora ¡Ve y Vota!* (It's Time, Go and Vote!) campaign sought to inform and motivate the Latino community to vote in the 2008 election. With almost 10 million Latinos exercising their right to vote, the bilingual informational voter hotline was critical to the record turnout with 35,745 calls placed in 2008, and over 25,000 Latinos registering to vote on the campaign's website, www.veyvota.org. With the 2010 Census approaching, the next phase of the *ya es hora* Campaign, *¡Hágase Contar!* (Make Yourself Count!), includes a comprehensive effort utilizing an integrated media and local community-based approach that will target and compel Latinos to participate in the 2010 Census.
- The NALEO Educational Fund provides national leadership for public discussions on issues affecting Latino participation in our political process, including immigration and naturalization, election reform, the Census, and the appointment of qualified Latinos to top government executive and judicial positions.
- The NALEO Educational Fund is headquartered in Los Angeles, and maintains offices in Houston, New York City, and Washington, D.C.