

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.

Constituency Services

- The focus of the Constituency Services Department is to educate Latino policymakers in order to cultivate their expertise on policy issues such as education, childhood obesity, and sustainable communities.
- The NALEO Education Leadership Initiative (NELI) assists Latino policymakers with technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities designed to increase their governance skills and effectiveness as education policymakers. NELI provides training on a wide-range of topics such as: increasing access to higher education, bridging the education gap, and promoting early childhood education.
- The NALEO Educational Fund's health initiatives develop the ability of Latino policymakers to become
 effective health advocates for their constituents. Implemented both nationally and at a statewide level, the
 NALEO health initiatives provide policymakers with innovative tools that enable them to implement policies
 aimed to build healthy communities, such as providing access to healthy foods and recreational activities.
- Considered a "boot camp" among newly elected Latino officials, the biennial NALEO National Institute for Newly Elected Officials provides a comprehensive introduction to public service, with seminars addressing budgeting, staffing, policy discussions, and other key governance issues.
- Recognized as the nation's "Latino Political Convention," the NALEO Annual Conference has earned an
 impressive reputation for delivering a high quality content-driven conference. The NALEO 30th Annual
 Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois from June 27-29, 2013.

Civic Engagement

- The goal of the NALEO Educational Fund's Civic Engagement Department is to educate, mobilize, and integrate the Latino community into the political process. These efforts focus on three fundamental pillars: access to citizenship, electoral involvement, and participation in the Census.
- The goal of the NALEO Educational Fund's naturalization program is to increase access to and provide information about the naturalization process. This program is implemented through an innovative strategy that includes direct assistance, training and technical assistance, and information dissemination.
- The NALEO Educational Fund's voter engagement program seeks to create a strong culture of electoral participation in the Latino community. The initiative's strategy includes mobilization, education, and protection, bolstered by innovative research and strong support from Spanish-language media partners.

Policy, Research, and Advocacy

- The NALEO Educational Fund's Policy, Research, and Advocacy Department promotes public policies that help ensure full Latino political participation and representation.
- The NALEO Educational Fund provides national leadership for public discussions on issues affecting Latino participation in our political process, including naturalization and immigration, redistricting, Census policy, presidential appointments, election and governance issues, and civic research.