



FE PROGRAM FACT SHEET:

WHO WE ARE:

The Futuros Empresarios (FE) Program is a community initiative of The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley. Since 2009, we have partnered with local colleges, universities, businesses and other private sponsors to deliver educational, comprehensive life skills and entrepreneurial training to high school students of the Lehigh Valley.

Each year we select over 30 students and provide them with an opportunity to learn, explore and discover their career.

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WHAT WE DO:

The Fé Foundation Mission/Vision/Identity (2/2015)

Mission: To increase the rate of educational, economic, and social success of primarily Latino students and inspire tomorrow's leaders.

Vision: In 2020, Fé Foundation is strong, sustainable, a year-round program, thoroughly integrated into regional academic institutions, schools, employers' workplace pipelines, and the community at large. The Fé Foundation is recognized as delivering future leaders as demonstrated through our outcomes studies.

Identity: The Fé Foundation advances our mission of increasing the rate of educational, economic, and social success of primarily Latino students and seeks to inspire tomorrow's leaders by serving high school and college students, employers and our community in the Lehigh Valley through the FE Program, including new emphasis on engaging parents as



partners, staying connected with Program alumni through the college years, and linking alumni to regional employers.

We emphasize our competitive advantages of our comprehensive FE Program model and our strategic relationships with businesses, students, and schools.

We are sustainable by the contributions of our business and academic partners, volunteers, and the community at large.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

We are seeking 10th and 11th grade Latino students who are interested in life skills and academic business training at DeSales University and a paid internship with local businesses over the summer. This is a five week program that will begin in late June.

The FE Program student demographics:

- Over 30 mostly Latino students from public and charter schools in the Lehigh Valley ➤ Students from 10th and 11th grade

The FE Program provides students:

- One week Life Skills, Office Skills, Business Basics and Computer Training ➤ Residence at DeSales University for one week.
- Placement with Lehigh Valley companies/organizations for four weeks of paid Internship/Mentorship
- Internships matched according to their interests
- Field trips, Art workshops, Outside Speakers and Good Manners/Etiquette Module

In addition, The Fé Foundation provides a Math Enrichment program (SAT Prep) in the winter and Textbook Scholarships in the spring for college/trade school bound students.



WHAT WE EXPECT:

Our Corporate and Community Organization partners who open their workplace doors and invite our FE Program interns to become part their team expect the same level of professionalism from their interns as they do of their employees.

Students in this program will be representing their schools and the Fé Foundation. We will only select those students who are committed to: reliability, trust, good communication skills, personal accountability and a desire to do good work.

FE PROGRAM TIMELINE:

- March-Information sessions for students and parents
- March to April-Application Period
- May-Selection of students and student orientation
- June-One week academic program at DeSales University
- June to July-Four week internship program with local businesses and organizations.
- July-Graduation event

HOW TO APPLY:

In March, applications will be available at information sessions for students and parents or from their high school guidance counselors. Invitations to these information sessions will be sent to the high school guidance counselors.

Students interested in participating in the program are asked to complete an application and submit it through their guidance counselor.

The application will require the students to answer several essay questions and provide a recommendation letter from their school counselor.

A selection committee will review the submitted applications and select candidates to be interviewed. The selection committee will then review the results of the interviews and select the most highly qualified students for the program.



This program is offered at no cost to the students and made possible by the generosity of local businesses, universities and non-profit organizations.

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