



Academic Scholarship Application



DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2009



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The Heartland Latino Leadership Conference & Expo (HLLC) will award academic scholarships to Latino youth and adults wishing to pursue a college education in the state of Nebraska.

Scholarship Overview

The HLLC's goal is to develop the skills and awareness necessary for effective working relationships among community professionals and businesses in this exciting time of social and cultural change. HLLC provides scholarship opportunities to emerging Latino leaders of this region to help achieve this goal. This scholarship fund is made available through the generous support of the HLLC and private donations.

Scholarship Amount

The scholarship amount is \$1,000 and is paid to the post-secondary institution in the name of the student.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply the student must be of Latino/Hispanic heritage pursuing post-secondary education in the state of Nebraska and meet one of the following criteria:

- graduating high school senior during the 2009-2010 academic year,
- currently enrolled college student, or
- adult wishing to pursue a college education

Additionally, awardees must attend the Conference Luncheon on November 13, 2009.

Application Deadline

Application must be postmarked by October 1, 2009.

Application Packet Checklist

In order for application to be considered, the following documents must be sent as **one complete packet**:

- Completed and signed application form
- Completed response to essay questions – the response should not exceed two pages in length and must be double spaced using Times Romans 12-point font
- Completed **two** reference forms each in a sealed envelope – Note: reference forms should not be completed by a family member or relative, be sure to be selective when choosing your references

Award Notification

A selection committee will review applications. Recipients will be notified of their award by October 30, 2009. Scholarship awardees will be announced at the Conference Luncheon on November 13, 2009.

Send Application to:

Hector L. Santiago
Academic Scholarship Committee
Heartland Latino Leadership Conference
PO Box 7570
Omaha, NE 68107

Website

www.latinoleadership.info

Questions

For more information, contact:

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Please print or type.

Postmark application by October 1, 2009

A. Student Information

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Address: _____
 Street Apt. # City State Zip Code

Home phone: () - - Alternate phone: () - - E-mail address: _____

B. Student Status

For High School Senior
 High School Senior
 What high school do you attend? _____
 What college/school do you wish to attend? _____

For College Student
 Freshman Sophomore
 Junior Senior
 Other: _____
 What college/school do you attend? _____

C. Essay Questions

Provide a typed response answering the four questions below. Your response must be double spaced using Times Roman 12-point font and not exceed two pages in length.

- Describe how you feel a college education will help you make a difference in the Latino community.
- Define your concept of leadership and describe a person in your life (other than a family member) that demonstrates those qualities.
- Identify one significant challenge facing Latinos and recommend strategies to address the challenge.
- List no more than three school related activities (clubs, sports) and/or non-school related activities (civic, religious, volunteer) that you have participated in the last two years that have impacted you.
- In order to assess your financial need, please describe how the HLLC scholarship will impact your ability to attend college?

D. References

List the two people who completed reference forms for you.

1. _____
 Name Relationship to you

2. _____
 Name Relationship to you

I, the undersigned, certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

 Student's Signature

_____/_____/_____
 Date



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Please type or print.

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's school: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Phone: () - Email: _____

Address: _____

Street

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

Do not use student's name when answering questions below – refer to student as he/she, her/him. Please use additional pages to type your responses.

How many years have you known the applicant? And in what capacity?

How do you think this applicant will perform academically in higher education?

Why do you think this applicant is deserving of the HLLC Scholarship?

What do you see as the strengths of this candidate as a future leader?

What areas of improvement would you recommend to enhance his/her leadership potential?

Additional comments:

Signature _____

Date _____



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