



Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas (HWOA)

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2012 Scholarships

January 12, 2012

Since 2000, HWOA has awarded 216 scholarships worth \$123,500 to Hispanic students in Arkansas. The majority of the recipients are the first in their families to attend an institution of higher education. **HWOA's goal is to increase the number of Hispanic students that attend colleges, universities or technical training institutions.**

Eligibility: Latino students attending or accepted to attend a four year, two year or technical training institution are eligible to apply for a \$500 HWOA Scholarship. The student must be able to attend the Cinco de Mayo festival on May 5th, 2012 at the Jones Center where the scholarship awards will be presented

Application: Available from school counselors, web site www.hwoa.org or at the HWOA office, 614 E. Emma Ave., Suite 231, Springdale, AR.

Qualifications: Applicants must be graduates of a high school in Arkansas and at least one parent must be Hispanic.

Requirements: Applicants must submit a completed application and required documents by **April 11, 2012**. Incomplete applications or those missing documents will not be considered.

- **Complete Application Form:** Read and carefully answer **ALL** the questions in English.
 - ❖ **Considerations:** Limited English applicants apply in Spanish.
- **Background information:** Applicant must state his/her Hispanic heritage.
- **Essay:** Applicant must submit a 500 to 750 word essay (two page maximum) telling about:
 - ❖ Yourself, your educational goals and why you deserve the HWOA Scholarship
 - ❖ Your Family History (parents and siblings)
 - ❖ Your Experiences that have influenced you to study: life, work, people
 - ❖ Your Leadership roles held and future plans where you hope to use such leadership
 - ❖ Your Community Service and/or Your Family Responsibilities
- **Academic Record:** Applicant must submit a high school or college transcript verifying GPA and ACT or Compass scores.
- **Financial Need:** Applicant must provide information about family income.
- **Seriousness of Purpose:** Applicant must submit letter of acceptance or confirmation of appointment with school advisor.
- **Resume:** Applicant must submit a one-page resume of their work experience, academic accomplishments and other relevant activities.
- **Picture:** Applicant must submit a recent photograph suitable for use in any printed materials.
- **Letters of Reference:** Submit two letters of reference or list two people who can be references, for example a teacher or counselor, employer, pastor or priest, coach or family friend.

Deadline: Complete application and required documents **MUST** be postmarked by **April 11, 2012**. Sent to HWOA, P.O.Box 6132, Springdale, AR, 72766.

Presentation: Scholarship awards will be presented at the Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 5th at the Jones Center in Springdale. Scholarship recipients must arrive at 6:00 PM that day.

For more information: Contact HWOA at 479-751-9494 or e-mail margarita.s@hwoa.org
Mail your application to: HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR 72766.

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2012 Scholarship Application

Please read carefully and answer **ALL** the questions

HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR 72766

Student ID# _____

Are you applying for FAFSA? _____

Student's Personal Information

Full Legal Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Home Address: _____
Number and Street Apartment City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(If different) Number and Street Apartment City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Cell _____ e-mail _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Male Female

School you are Currently Attending

High School or GED program _____ GPA _____ Graduation Date _____

College or Technical School you are attending or will attend: _____

Degree pursued: _____

List honors, awards, extracurricular, community activities. (Add pages if necessary)

Hours of Community Service _____ Where? _____

Your Responsibilities in Your Home _____

Financial Information:

Total annual family income: \$ _____ Do you have other siblings in college: _____

Number of family members living at home: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 > 8

Ages of family members: _____ Parents living at home: 1 2

Will you work during the school year? Yes No Do you work now? Yes No

How many hrs. a week? _____ How long at the job? _____

Enclose official transcript:

Verified by _____ Title _____

References: Two adults (Not related to applicant) Name, address, daytime phone number

Essay. Must include your Latino origin, family history, educational goals, work and life experiences that influenced you to continue your education, leadership roles, community service, personal and educational goals, extracurricular activities and any additional information that you would like to be considered by the HWOA Scholarship Committee in making a final decision.

The essay must be written in English- ESL Students may request submission in Spanish. (500 to 750 words two page maximum)

Notes: Scholarship available for Arkansas students only. All documents submitted become property of the HWOA. Submit originals of application and transcripts and copies of all other documents.

HWOA selection committee members, board members, staff and their immediate families are not eligible for a scholarship.