



# Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas

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## 2020 Scholarship Application

February 10, 2020

Since 2000, HWOA has awarded 448 scholarships worth \$500 to \$5,000 to Hispanic students in Arkansas. The majority of the recipients have been 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 and graduate with higher education degrees.**

Please read these guidelines and requirements before filling out the application.

**Eligibility:** Hispanic traditional or non-traditional students who have attended and obtained a high school diploma or GED from a school in Arkansas. HWOA scholarship apply to attend accredited technical, college or universities in Arkansas. All students graduating from a high school in Arkansas are eligible to apply. The student must be able to attend the HWOA Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the Jones Center in Springdale.

**Application:** Find the application: school counselors; <http://www.hwoa.org/scholarships.html> or at the HWOA office.

**Qualifications:** Scholarship applies to all Arkansas high school graduates attending colleges in the state. At least one parent must be Hispanic.

**Requirements:** Applicants must submit a completed application and required documents by **April 3, 2020**. (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 call (479)751-9494 to request submission in Spanish
- **Background information:** Applicant must state his/her Hispanic heritage.
- **Essay:** Applicant must submit a 500 to 750-word essay (no more than 1 or 1 ½ pages, font 12, and single space.) In the essay you must tell us 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 an **official** transcript from school currently attending. High school students include scores of test: ACT, SAT or Compass.
- **Financial Need:** Applicant **MUST** provide ALL proof of family income. (2019 tax return or 60-day proof of income)
- **Seriousness of Purpose:** Applicant must submit one of the following: letter of acceptance, confirmation of appointment with school adviser at the school they will attend, or proof of enrollment in a higher education institution.
- **Resume:** Applicant must submit a one-page resume of work experience, academic accomplishments and other relevant activities.
- **Picture:** Applicant must submit a recent photograph, passport type, suitable for use in any printed materials.
- **Letters of Reference:** Submit two letters of reference; these may be from a teacher, counselor, employer, pastor or priest, coach or family friend. (No Classmates or family members)

**Deadline:** Completed application and documents **MUST** be in the HWOA office or postmarked by **April 3, 2020**. Send to HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR, 72766.

**Presentation:** Scholarship awards will be presented at the Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the Jones Center in Springdale. Scholarship recipients must arrive at 5:30 PM the day of the festival and check in at the HWOA booth.

**For more information:** Contact HWOA at 479-751-9494 or e-mail [hwoa@hwoa.org](mailto:hwoa@hwoa.org)  
Mail your application to: HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR 72766 or  
Submit online before deadline April 3, 11:59PM

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Please read carefully and answer **ALL** the questions on this page

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied for FAFSA? Yes  No  Do not qualify

**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  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the school you are currently attending \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Scores (high school students only): ACT \_\_\_\_\_ COMPASS \_\_\_\_\_

College you will/do attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

List honors, awards, extracurricular, volunteer services (add pages if necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_

Places where you do Community Service \_\_\_\_\_ How many hrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities in Your Home: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information:**

Total Annual Family income (attach proof): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have other siblings in college: Yes  No

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

Ages of all family members living at home including you: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents living at home:  1  2

Number of years' parents/guardians went to school: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work during the school year? Yes  No  How long have you had this job? \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist for documents you need to include:**

- Essay
- Official Transcript with ACT or Compass scores
- Resume
- Proof of Income
- Letter of acceptance or appointment confirmation with college advisor
- Two letters of recommendation
- Picture (passport type)
- Will you be able to attend the Cinco de Mayo? Yes  No

**\*Essay.** Must describe yourself; tell about your family history, 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 tells why we should consider you to receive a HWOA Scholarship.

**\*\*The essay must be written in English- ESL Students are encouraged to apply (500 to 750 words maximum)**

**Notes: Scholarship available for Arkansas students only.** All documents submitted become property of HWOA. Submit originals of application and transcripts, ensure copies of ALL other documents are in your packet.

**\*\*\*Scholarship** award will be paid in two semesters – ½ for the Fall semester and ½ for the Spring semester.

**HWOA employees, board members, selection committee members and their immediate families are not eligible for HWOA's scholarship.**