



Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas

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2021 Scholarship Application & Guidelines

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Since 2000, HWOA has awarded 488 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 scholarships 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 participate in the HWOA Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 8th, 2021 virtually or at location.

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 9, 2021**. (Applications will not be considered if not fully completed or fail to submit documents.)

- **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
 - ❖ Why you consider 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 request the school currently attending, to send HWOA an **official** transcript
High school students' transcript must include scores of test: ACT, SAT or Compass.
- **Financial Need:** Applicant **MUST** provide ALL proof of family income. (2020 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 letters from classmates or family members)

Deadline: Completed application and documents **MUST** be electronically submitted or postmarked by **April 9, 2021**. Send to HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR, 72766.

Presentation: Scholarship awards will be presented at the Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 8th, 2021 virtually or at location. Scholarship recipients must remain in contact with HWOA office for further instructions.

For more information: Contact HWOA at 479-751-9494 or e-mail hwoa@hwoa.org
Mail your application to: HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR 72766 or
Submit online before deadline April 9, 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: _____

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)
- List honors, awards, extracurricular, volunteer services
- 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.