



Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas

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2024 Scholarship Application & Guidelines

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Since 2000, HWOA has awarded 588 scholarships worth between \$500 to \$5,000 to Hispanic students in Arkansas. The majority of the recipients have been the first in their families to attend an educational institution after high school. **HWOA's goal is to increase the number of Hispanic students that attain education beyond high school.**

Please read carefully 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 public school in Arkansas and plan to attend an accredited technical, college or universities in the state. All students graduating from Arkansas's public high schools are eligible to apply. The student must be able to attend the HWOA Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 4th, 2024 at the Jones Center in Springdale.

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

Qualifications: Scholarship applies to Hispanic/Latino students graduating from Arkansas's public high schools or have obtained a GED and plan to attend educational institutions in the state of Arkansas.

Requirements: Applicants must submit a completed application with all required documents before **April 8, 2024**. (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

- Carefully read and 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 in the essay.
- **Essay:** Applicant must submit a 500 to 750-word essay, single space. (no more than 1 ½ pages.)
- In the essay you must tell us about:
 - ❖ Yourself, and your educational goals
 - ❖ Why you consider you deserve the HWOA Scholarship
 - ❖ Your Hispanic/Latino Family History (parents and siblings) where your family comes from.
 - ❖ 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 Volunteer Service and/or Your Family Responsibilities
- **Academic Record:** **Official** transcript from the school you are currently attending. High school students' transcript must include scores of test: ACT, SAT or Compass.
- **Financial Need:** Applicant **MUST** provide proof of all family income. (2023 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.
- **Resume:** Applicant must submit a one-page resume of work experience, academic accomplishments and other relevant activities.
- **Picture:** Submit a recent photograph with plain background, neutral expression, and eyes open. You can take the picture with your phone but not selfie's type.
- **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 before **April 8, 2024**.

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

Presentation: Scholarship awards will be presented at the Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 4th, 2024 at the Jones Center in Springdale. Selected students will receive 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 8, 2024 11:59PM

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HWOA, P.O. Box 6132, Springdale, AR 72766 or <http://www.hwoa.org/scholarships.html>
Please read carefully and answer **ALL** the questions on this page

Student ID# _____ Have you applied for FAFSA? Yes No DACA Do not qualify

Student's Personal Information

Full Legal Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

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

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

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

High School you are Attending or Attended _____ Graduation Year _____

Name of the school you are currently attending _____ Graduation Date _____

GPA _____ Scores (high school students only): ACT _____ SAT _____ COMPASS _____

College you will/do attend: _____ Intended major: _____

Places where you do Community Service _____ How often _____

Responsibilities in Your Home: _____

Financial Information:

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

Are you a single parent? Yes No Ages of your children: _____

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) _____

Place where your parents were born: Mother; _____ Father: _____

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 (For high school students ACT, SAT, or Compass scores)
- Resume
- Proof of Income
- Letter of acceptance or appointment confirmation with college advisor
- Two letters of recommendation
- Picture (headshot passport type, no selfies)
- 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 Hispanic 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.