



Leadership Scholarship for the 2023/2024 Academic Year

Scholarship Award: Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate four-year institution are eligible for a \$1,500.00 scholarship. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate two-year institution or a trade school are eligible for a \$750.00 scholarship. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate two-year institution or trade school are eligible for a \$750.00 scholarship or part time students \$325.00.

- Students Accepted to a University - \$1,500.00 for the year.
- Students Accepted to a two year institution, Community college or trade school - \$750.00 for the year.
- **Students that take internet classes will not qualify! (No scholarship for classes taken over the internet)**
- **PART TIME:** Students accepted to a university \$750.00 for the year.
- **PART TIME:** Students accepted to a two year institution, community college or trade school \$ 325.00 for the year.
- **Students that are graduating early or that are only taking half of a semester do not qualify for a scholarship.**

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, in a four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories, and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support.
- One parent must be of Hispanic ancestry.
- Recipients must also be available to attend the 3 day HispanoFest festival on Sept 8th, 9th and 10th, 2023.
- Student must live within one of the following communities: Bellwood, Berkeley, Broadview, Elmwood Park, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Hillside, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, River Grove, Schiller Park, Stone Park and Westchester.
- Students must be a high school graduate, student of a community college or of a university.
- Students need to maintain a GPA of 2.75 during the two semesters or thru the entire year in order to receive the second portion of payment.

Requirement: Applicants must submit each of the items listed below by the deadline. An application will not be considered until all items have been received.

- **Full Time Student:** minimum of 12-16 credit hours, G.P.A. of 2.75 at the end of each semester in order to receive funds for the following semester. Awards are distributed, in two equal installments, after an official transcript is submitted after each semester. Maximum tuition award is \$1,500.00 for students that attend a 4 year university and \$750.00 for students that attend a two year college or trade school.



- **PART TIME STUDENTS:** Minimum of 6-11 credit hours, G.P.A. of 2.75 at the end of each semester in order to receive funds for the following semester. Awards are distributed, in two equal installments, after an official transcript is submitted after each semester. Maximum tuition award is \$750.00 for students attending a university and \$325.00 for a two year institution, community college or trade school.
- **Mandatory Attendance:** All recipients will be honored at the festival on Sunday at 6:00 pm..
- **Cover Page:** Application must have their full legal name, home address, phone number, social security number, student I.D., or ITIN number, college contact person and title, college name, address, phone, fax number, classification, major, ancestry and tuition balance for the year (tuition- grants, loans, scholarships = balance).
- **Heritage Essay/Background Information:** 400-600 words that describe your family origin and educational background.
- **Leadership Essay:** Applicant must submit a 600-900 word essay (2-4 pages), to create your answers to the following questions:
 1. What is Leadership in the Hispanic Community?
 2. What leadership contribution can, you or will you provide?
 3. How can future potential candidates be influenced to become leaders?
- **Transcripts:** Either high school or college verifying eligibility and GPA
- **Letters of RECOMMENDATION:** 2 (two) – not family members. Letters of reference from persons who have known them, e.g. high school teacher or counselor, employer, pastor/priest, professor, academic advisor, coach, etc.
- **Resume:** Applicants must submit a one-page resume of their work experience, academic accomplishments and other relevant activities, up to date
- **Picture:** Recent photograph, head shot only
- Recipients are required to attend and bring two volunteers at the 3 day festival. Dates of the festival are September 8th, 9th & 10th, 2023.
- **Present at Presentation during festival**
- **Recipients are Mandatory to attend/volunteer the 3 days at the festival along with their 2 additional volunteers (of their choice).**
- The essay must adhere to the following requirements:
 - Typed, with 1 inch margins/ Doubled -Spaced
 - 3 pages in length, minimum of 2 pages
 - Name of Applicant is **NOT** to be stated in the body of the essay
 - Student must be 17 years of age
 - A minimum of thirteen credit hours. HispanoFest will work with your school's financial aid advisors to ensure proper disbursements of funds.
 - Parents W-2 Form (2022)
 - Any issues in regards to the application or with the scholarship you are to contact Irene Herrera or bring it to the executive committee of Hispanofest only.



Deadline: Application Package must be postmarked by **August 22, 2023**. Package must include **ALL** above listed requirements. Application packages that are not complete will **NOT** be considered. Mail to:

Hispano Fest, Inc. **or**
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1902 Melrose Park, IL 60161

Squires Florist, Inc.
1904 W. Lake St.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship: HispanoFest, Inc. Scholarship P.O. BOX 1902 Melrose Park, IL 60161

Contact Scholarship Persons: Irene Herrera at hispanofest@yahoo.com for further information.