



PO BOX 411872
St. Louis, MO 63141

February 26, 2018

Dear scholarship applicant:

The Hispanic Educational, Cultural and Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded again this year. These scholarships are recognition of a student's overall achievements, and are available to Hispanic/Latino students that are permanent residents in the Greater St. Louis area (includes Missouri and Illinois) enrolled in not-for-profit, post-secondary course work or trade school in the fall of 2018.

For the purpose of this scholarship and to qualify, at least one of the applicant's grandparents must be or have been Hispanic/Latino. Members of the board of directors of Hispanic ECS Fund and their relatives cannot be applicants.

For 2018, the Hispanic ECS Fund is offering scholarships as follows:

- *Hispanic Educational Cultural and Scholarship Fund Scholarship*
Seven scholarships of \$1,000.

In addition, Grupo Atlántico is offering a scholarship of \$1,000.

- *Grupo Atlántico Scholarship*
This scholarship is to be awarded to a female student heading for a career in science, technology, engineering, mathematics or medicine (STEMM).

In order to enter the selection process the completed application **must be received by May 31, 2018**. It may be mailed to the address listed above (use enough postage, as Hispanic ECS Fund will not pay for any postage due) or submitted via email at hispanicecsfund@gmail.com. Every applicant must submit the following material.

Only complete submissions will be considered – follow the instructions:

First Time College-Bound Students (High School Seniors)

- Completed Hispanic ECS Fund scholarship application form
- Admission letter from the college/university, institution of higher learning or trade school
- Official academic transcripts
- Copy of post-secondary admission test score (ACT, SAT) or trade school test scores
- Two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a high school teacher or guidance counselor (sent by those recommending the student)

College/University Students

- Completed Hispanic ECS Fund scholarship application form
- Official academic transcripts
- Two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a college/university instructor (sent by those recommending the student)

The candidate must also be available for an interview with the selection panel, if necessary.

After receiving the scholarship, recipients must report back to Hispanic ECS Fund about the use of their award via e-mail or letter. If the recipient does not report the use of funds, he/she will not be eligible to win another scholarship subsequently.

The scholarship will be presented during the event sponsored by Hispanic Scholarship Alliance of St. Louis scheduled to be held on **Friday, July 27, 2018** at a location to be announced.

Please find attached the following: General Information on the scholarship program; the Scholarship Application; and the Recommendation Form.

The Hispanic ECS Fund has created a Mentor Program for its scholarship recipients. Students do not need to have a mentor in order to be considered for a scholarship.

If you have any question please send me an email at hispanicecsfund@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Delia Dorantes

Chair, Scholarship Program Committee

Attachments



2018 SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE FOR STUDENTS

Revised February 13, 2018

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scholarship Program of the Hispanic Educational, Cultural and Scholarship Fund, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation founded in 1998, is to promote and advance the education of Hispanics/Latinos in the St. Louis region. The scholarship program rewards overall academic achievement by providing funding for additional education.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is open to all Hispanic/Latino students with permanent residency in the St. Louis region, which is the bi-state region that includes: the City of St. Louis; the seven (7) Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington; and the eight (8) Illinois counties of Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair.

Applicants must be:

- Hispanic/Latino (at least one grandparent must have been Hispanic/Latino).
- A permanent resident of the St. Louis region.
Note: Students residing in the St. Louis region because they are studying in the area but who reside outside of the region when not in school are not eligible for the scholarship; these include international students.
- Seeking an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree at an accredited and not-for-profit college/university, or a diploma or certification from an accredited and not-for-profit trade or vocational school.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade average of B (3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) on all prior work attempted in high school and/or college, as applicable.
- Accepted or enrolled in a not-for-profit, accredited college, university or institution of higher learning in the United States as a degree-seeking student by May 15. Must be full-time students: twelve (12) or more credits each semester.
- Submit all required documentation on time

GUIDELINES

- The scholarship check must be cashed no later than ninety (90) days after it is issued.
- The scholarship funds must be used for school related expenses as the recipient deems appropriate.
- Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to reapply for further scholarship award by submitting a current application according to the eligibility and guidelines as applicable. Renewal of award is not guaranteed.
- After receiving the scholarship, recipients must report back to Hispanic ECS Fund about the use of their award via e-mail or letter. If the recipient does not report the use of funds, he/she will not be eligible to win another scholarship subsequently.
- Scholarship recipients will not be eligible to re-apply for another scholarship if they:
 - Deliberately have provided false information
 - Fail to return to, drop out from or are dismissed by the institution of higher learning
 - Have not reported on the use of their award via email or by letter
 - Have used the scholarship funds for expenses not related to their education
 - Have used the scholarship funds in an illegal or improper manner
 - Have exhibited unacceptable conduct

- Recommendations must come from individuals who can provide information about the student from the academic as well as the personal perspective; one of the recommendations must be from a teacher.
- A scholarship selection committee composed of not less than three members of the local community, including educators, will determine the scholarship recipients based on selected criteria.

All essential documents **must be received** by the Scholarship Program Committee by **May 31, 2018** for consideration for awards that apply to the following academic year. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** The Fund's decision is communicated in writing no later than June 30, 2018.

Submittal by USPS Mail:

The complete application package may be submitted and sent to the following address:

Hispanic Educational, Cultural and Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Program Committee
PO BOX 411872
St. Louis, MO 63141

Submittal by Email:

The complete application package may be submitted and sent to the following email address:

hispanicecsfund@gmail.com

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type)

PART 1 OF 2

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

SOCIAL SECURITY _____ - _____ - _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE MONTH - DAY - YEAR

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO. (AREA CODE) NUMBER

_____ E-MAIL: _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ HISPANIC COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____
CITY STATE/PROV. COUNTRY (Heritage or ancestry)

TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP THE STUDENT MUST BE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE ST. LOUIS REGION.

DO YOU MEET THIS CRITERION? _____

Note: Students living in the St. Louis region because they are studying in the area but who reside outside of the region when not in school are not eligible for the scholarship; this is the case with international students and others.

FIRST TIME COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS (High School Seniors)

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____
SCHOOL NAME MO - DAY - YR

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____ **Note: Official transcripts must be submitted.**

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE AND YEAR: SAT _____ ACT _____
SCORE / YEAR SCORE / YEAR

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION TO BE ATTENDED: _____
NAME CITY STATE

COLLEGE STUDENTS

INSTITUTION: _____ EXP. GRADUATION DATE: _____
NAME CITY STATE MO - DAY - YR

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____ **Note: Official transcripts must be submitted.**

APPLICANT'S FAMILY INFORMATION

NAME OF FATHER OR GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE: _____
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO. (AREA CODE) NUMBER
CITY STATE ZIP CODE PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF MOTHER OR GUARDIAN: _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE: _____
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO. (AREA CODE) NUMBER
CITY STATE ZIP CODE PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

How many of your grandparents are or were Hispanics/Latinos? _____ Where from? _____

Scholarship Program Committee
Hispanic Educational, Cultural and Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 411872, St. Louis, MO 63141

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applies to both scholarship programs: Hispanic ECS Fund and Grupo Atlántico
(Please print or type. You may also send the information separately.)

PART 2 OF 2

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Have you applied for other scholarships or grants? Yes No

If yes, please give source, amount, and duration. _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please include additional information that would be helpful in considering you for a scholarship. Suggested information might include the following: volunteer and/or community activities, career goals, work background, family situation.

Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship?

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Would you like to have a mentor assigned to you to help you and advise you? Yes No

Note: It is not necessary to participate in the mentorship program to be considered for a scholarship.

SHARING OF INFORMATION

Hispanic ECS Fund includes information of the scholarship recipients in its promotion of the scholarships and such information is also included in the Scholarship Ceremony booklet.

I agree to have my information publicized.

I elect to not have my information publicized.

CERTIFICATION OF TRUTH STATEMENT (Please read the following and sign below.)

I affirm that the information I have provided on this application form is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize each college or school I have attended to release academic information as related to this application upon request. I understand that furnishing false or incomplete information on any part of this scholarship application may result in cancellation of my request for a scholarship.

Signature: _____

Write your legal signature

Date: _____

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Instructions for Recommendations

The selection committee relies on recommendations to differentiate between applicants with similar academic credentials. Individuals submitting recommendations should be able to provide specific information about the applicant's achievements, strengths and weaknesses. Recommendations from personal friends or family members who do not have first hand knowledge of the applicant's academic record, work and volunteer experiences will not be considered.

Choose your references carefully and take the time, when requesting their help, to explain the nature of the scholarship and your goals in applying for it. The more they know about you and the scholarship the better job they will do with the recommendation.

Before sending out the recommendation form to the persons that will recommend you be sure to indicate whether or not you waive your right to see the recommendation. By waiving this right you are giving your reference complete freedom to be honest. In either case the form or letter must come directly to the Hispanic ECS Fund from the person recommending you.

Two (2) recommendations must be submitted. At least one of them must be from a teacher/professor or guidance counselor (to be sent by those recommending the student)

The recommendations should be mailed to the following address and received by **May 31, 2018**.

Scholarship Program - Recommendations
Hispanic Educational, Cultural and Scholarship Fund
PO BOX 411872
St. Louis, MO 63141

For questions, please write to Delia Dorantes at hispanicsecsfund@gmail.com.

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECOMMENDATION FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

I waive _____ do not waive _____ my right to see this recommendation.

Applicants signature: _____ Date: _____

TO THE RECOMMENDER:

Recommendations are an important component of the application process for this scholarship. The selection committee wants to be able to differentiate between applicants with similar academic credentials. Therefore, the information most useful for evaluation **describes** the applicant's academic and personal achievements. It is important to make clear the length and nature of your relationship to the applicant. Please draw on your experience and knowledge of the individual to paint as clear a picture as possible. The following questions are meant as guidelines. You are free to use this form or put your thoughts in the form of a separate letter. If you choose to write a letter, we ask that you ensure that the answers to the questions are included within it.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of this applicant.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

What would you say are the applicant's academic and/or personal strengths? Please be as specific as possible.

What is your overall impression of the applicant as a human being, a Hispanic, a student?

What else do you want to tell us about this applicant?

Is there anything else that you would like us to know about this applicant?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Title / Position: _____

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

QUESTIONS AND CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANT

QUESTIONS

You must be able to answer yes to all these questions to qualify:

- Are you Hispanic/Latino? (At least one grandparent must be or have been Hispanic/Latino.)
- Are you a permanent resident in the St. Louis region? Note: Students living in the St. Louis region because they are studying in the area but who reside outside of the region when not in school are not eligible for the scholarship. This includes international students, among others.
- Are you seeking an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree at an accredited and not-for-profit college/university, or a diploma or certification from an accredited and not-for-profit trade or vocational school?
- Do you have a minimum cumulative grade average of B (at least 3.0 in a 4.0 GPA scale) on all prior work attempted in high school and/or college, as applicable?
- Are you accepted or enrolled in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning in the United States as a degree-seeking student by May 15 and will take at least twelve (12) credit hours in each semester?
- Are you submitting all required documentation on time? Note: The application and all required documents must be **received** by the Scholarship Program Committee by **May 31, 2018** for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Make sure that you use enough postage; Hispanic ECS Fund will not pay any postage that may be due.

THINGS YOU MUST TURN IN ON TIME

If you are a first time college-bound student (High School Seniors)

- ___ Completed Hispanic ECS Fund scholarship application form
- ___ Admission letter from the college/university, institution of higher learning or trade school
- ___ Official academic transcripts
- ___ Copy of post-secondary admission test score (ACT, SAT) or trade school test scores
- ___ Two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a high school teacher or guidance counselor (sent by the recommender; students may not send them)

If you are a college student

- ___ Completed Hispanic ECS Fund scholarship application form
- ___ Official academic transcripts
- ___ Two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a college/university instructor (sent by those recommending the student; students may not send them)