



Hispanic Heritage Association of NWLA

2026 Scholarship

STUDENT APPLICATION

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The Hispanic Heritage Association of Northwest Louisiana (HHANWLA) was established in 2021 with the objective of creating an association devoted to the progression and development of Hispanics in the region, including culture, education, health, sports, business, arts, and more, through events and partnerships with other associations. We consider education a important part of the progression of our local youth. As part of HHANWLA's education efforts, the Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 to provide scholarships to Latino students attending colleges and universities.

TERMS: The Scholarship Council will award scholarships to qualified Latino students who are enrolled or are planning to enroll in accredited colleges or universities in the United States. Awards will be \$1,000 each. All awards will be presented at the annual Hispanic Heritage Noche de Gala on October 10 in Shreveport. It is preferred, not required, that you will accept the scholarship at the event. Scholarships may be used for the payment of tuition, academic fees, room, board, and the purchase of required educational materials & books.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident, or be granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
 - We do not verify status.
- Must have applied to or be enrolled as a full-time student in a college or university, including 2-year colleges, or vocational schools that lead to an associate's degree. Graduate students must have applied to or be enrolled as a part-time student in a college or university.
- Must be current or past resident of North West Louisiana. Students attending Online programs in the area do **not** qualify if they do not plan to live or work in Northwest Louisiana after course completion.
- A student will **not** be eligible for a scholarship if he/she is related to a scholarship committee member, the Council President, or an individual contributor to the local funds of the Council

AWARD CRITERIA:

Grades and academic performance will serve as indicators; however, emphasis may be placed on the individual's motivation, sincerity, and integrity, which can best be revealed through a personal interview and in the personal essay. Need, community involvement, and leadership activities will also be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants must submit the following in order to be considered for an HHANWLA scholarship:

- Completed and signed application form
- High school or college transcript, including cumulative GPA
- Verification of admittance or enrollment from the institution the student is attending or planning to attend (i.e. – letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar, or a transcript)
- Typed, or neatly printed, personal essay of not more than 500 words

TIMELINE:

July 31 : Application due to Scholarship Council.

September 15 : Applicants notified of scholarship award.

October 10: Scholarship awards presentation at Noche De Gala, Ballys, Shreveport

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

- Completed application must be mailed to the scholarship Council by July 31st.
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.
 - Please contact us if you have a problem submitting by the deadline.
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Please type or print neatly and submit .

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____
Number Street

City State Zip

Primary Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____ Email (Required): _____

Secondary Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____ Alternate Email: _____

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX - XX - ____ Gender: ☐ Male • ☐ Female • ☐ Other _____

Citizenship: ☐ U.S. Citizen • ☐ Legal Permanent Resident • ☐ Lawfully Present (DACA) Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Ethnicity: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

Are you a first-generation college student? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you a HHANWLA Member? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, PLEASE CHECK ONE: ☐ I am a Youth Member ☐ I am a Young Adult

ACADEMIC DATA

**If you are a graduating high school senior, please indicate the college or university you will attend in the fall along with your anticipated major*

High School _____ Date of Graduation _____ GPA (4.0 scale) _____
(unweighted)

College _____ Major _____ GPA (4.0 scale) _____

Current Standing (as of the date of this application): ☐ Not Enrolled • ☐ High School Senior • ☐ College Freshman
☐ College Sophomore • ☐ College Junior • ☐ College Senior • ☐ Graduate Student

ACT/SAT Score (optional) _____ Class Rank and Size _____

List honors, awards, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement (use separate sheet if necessary): _____

FINANCIAL DATA

Annual family income _____ # in Family _____ # Dependents in college _____

College expenses for year of application: Tuition \$ _____ Room/Board \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Money available for college expenses: Parents \$ _____ Work \$ _____ Savings \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Have you applied for student financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please list amount of financial aid already secured \$ _____

FOR SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL USE ONLY: Score: _____ Award Amount: _____ Award Type: _____

Check if the applicant has submitted the following: ☐ Signed & completed application form • ☐ Enrollment or admittance verification • ☐ Personal essay • ☐ High school or college transcript • ☐ ACT or SAT score report

PERSONAL ESSAY

Please type or print an essay of 500 words (maximum) on how your academic studies will contribute to your personal & professional goals. In addition, please discuss any community service or extracurricular activities you have been involved in that relate to your goals.

Applicant's signature required. Please read carefully, sign and date below:

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete and that I am not related to a member of the Scholarship Committee or the President of the participating HHANWLA to which I am applying for an Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please be sure to submit a complete application with the supporting documentation listed below to the HHANWLA Council by no later than July 31, 2025.

Graduating High School Seniors:

- ☐ High school transcript, including cumulative GPA
- ☐ Completed, signed, and dated Application on or before July 31 deadline
- ☐ Typed, or neatly printed, personal essay of not more than 500 words
- ☐ Verification of admittance from the institution the student plans to attend **fall 2025**
(i.e. – letter of acceptance)

Undergraduate/Graduate Students:

- ☐ College transcript, including cumulative GPA
- ☐ Completed, signed, and dated Application on or before July 31 deadline
- ☐ Typed, or neatly printed, personal essay of not more than 500 words
- ☐ Enrollment Verification:
 - Undergraduate students (12 credit hours)
 - Graduate students (6+ credit hours)