



The National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members Scholarship Program

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Application Instructions 2010

How to Get the Application

You may download all application materials in PDF format from the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Member's website at www.nsba.org/caucus.

Calendar

November 2, 2009	Applications are available at www.nsba.org/caucus .
January 29, 2010	Application Deadline
May 14, 2010	Award Letters Issued

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a scholarship:

- Student must be of Hispanic origin;
- Student must be eligible to graduate from a public high school in 2010;
- Student must provide proof of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning with the intention to complete a two-year or four-year degree prior to award conferral; and
- Student must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following elements:

- Academic record
- Demonstrated financial need
- Extra curricular activities
- Personal qualities
- Extra points will be awarded to Education Majors

Application Preparation

1. Application (5 pages)—we encourage all students to use a computer or typewriter to complete this application. Handwritten applications must be written in blue or black ink. Please check your essays for correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
2. Transcript(s)—please provide an official transcript initialed by a Guidance Counselor and dated. This transcript should include a cumulative GPA.
3. Recommendations—please provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members. A good recommender can speak to your academic record, plans and/or goals, your personal strengths, and your extra curricular activities.
4. **Three copies (3)** of the completed packet (all the above items).

Application Deadline

All materials must be received on or before January 29, 2010.

Mail to:

Hispanic Caucus Scholarship
Attention: Caucus Liaison Staff
National School Boards Association
1680 Duke Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3493

Last Name _____ Last Four Digits of SS #, EIN or TIN _ _ _ _



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Application 2010

Due: January 29, 2010

Personal Information

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

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Home Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ / _____ / _____ Hispanic Origin (please check one):

Social Security Number _____ Puerto Rican Mexican

Dominican Cuban

Spanish Other

Educational Information

Name of High School _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

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Telephone Number _____ High School G.P.A. _____

Post Secondary School(s) Applied to: _____

Possible Major: _____ Minor: _____

Additional Information

Please note: Scoring to determine awards will be based on the quality of and content of the application with additional points being awarded to those pursuing a degree in education.

1. **High School Extracurricular Activities** (sports, clubs, part-time job, etc.):

2. **Special Recognition** (offices held, organization memberships, awards, etc.):

3. **Other Scholarship Awards you anticipate this year** (include title and award amount):

4. **Have you applied for college/university financial aid?** Yes No

5. **Letters of Recommendation** - Please ask two individuals (not related) to provide a letter of recommendation that include a candid opinion of you. We suggest that comments include the following: length of acquaintance; your relationship, general and special abilities; and present and potential leadership qualities.

6. **Letter(s) of Acceptance** - Student will be required to provide a letter of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning prior to award conferral.

7. **Official Transcript** - an original transcript initialed and dated by the high school guidance counselor must be attached.

Last Name _____ Last Four Digits of SS #, EIN or TIN ____ _ _ _

Autobiographical Statement

In the space below, please write an autobiographical statement of approximately 600 words that includes a paragraph about your demonstrated financial need. This essay may address such topics as how your Hispanic heritage has influenced your personal or academic goals; how you have overcome personal or academic challenges; or how you have contributed to your community and what you have learned.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Applicant Checklist

All of the items listed below **must be completed** for an application packet to be considered. Any incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Please initial that you have enclosed the following:

- _____ **Completed Personal Information**
- _____ **Parental/Guardian(s) Information Sheet**
- _____ **Autobiographical Statement**
- _____ **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- _____ **Copy of Transcripts Initialed by a Guidance Counselor and Dated**
- _____ **Last name and four digits of social security number on each page**
- _____ **Completed Application (all above items) stapled together**
- _____ **Two Extra Copies of Completed Application (all above items), stapled**
- _____ **All the information above enclosed and mailed in one envelope**

Applicant Authorization Release

I authorize the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members to release transcripts, letters of recommendation, scholarship applications, and accompanying documents to scholarship donors and to publicize my scholarship award should I be a recipient.

Applicant's

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Application packets must be received by *January 29, 2010*. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Please return the completed application packets to the address below:

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If you have any questions, please call (703) 838-6722 and ask for the Caucus Liaison office, or e-mail the Caucus at Hispanic_Caucus@nsba.org.