



HISPANIC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP 2015 Scholarship

GUIDELINES

AND INFORMATION

Hispanic Women in Leadership (HWIL) is a Houston based, 501 (c) 3 volunteer organization which encourages and promotes the development and advancement of all women in general and Hispanic women in particular. It is a service organization committed to promoting the advancement of Hispanics and women in the areas of education, professional interaction, leadership training, mentorship and the perpetuation of the Hispanic culture. In addition, the organization shall strive to provide a forum for addressing issues affecting the Hispanic community. **HWIL will award scholarships based on the criteria of an essay, academic standing, college/university/vocational/technical school enrollment, demonstration of leadership, letters of recommendation and verifiable residence.**

Application Availability:

website: www.HWIL.org

Award Amount:

\$500 per awardee.

Deadline:

Postmarked by: Friday, May 29, 2015

Eligibility:

- Residence in Harris County
- Provide proof of enrollment in a college/university/vocational/ technical school within the state of Texas

Academic Standing:

- Applicants should be in good academic standing in their high school, or college/university/ vocational/technical school.

Additional Documentation/Checklist:

- Complete the application forms,
- Write an essay on the topic of "The Importance of Education and of Celebrating Hispanic Heritage."
- Provide two letters of recommendation,
- Provide current transcript in high school or college/university/ vocational/technical school within the state of Texas
- Provide Certification by Applicant, Authorization for Verification and Hold Harmless Agreement/Release
- Be sure that the materials are postmarked by Friday, May 29, 2015 or earlier. Late submissions will not be considered.

Judging and Evaluation:

A panel of judges will be evaluating all applications and essays. This panel may be comprised of HWIL members, leaders of the community, educators and/or others committed to the success of students.

- 60% Essay on the topic of "The Importance of Education and of Celebrating Hispanic Heritage."
- 10% Provide two letters of recommendation,
- 10% Provide current transcript in high school or college/university/ vocational/technical school within the state of Texas
- 20% Community service, acts of leadership
- Certification by Applicant, Authorization for Verification and Hold Harmless Agreement
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Submission:

All applications must be complete and must be postmarked Friday, May 29, 2015. Send all documents under the same cover or envelope. They should be sent to HWL Scholarships, P O Box 540283, Houston, TX, 77254, via US Postal Service, US Mail.

Award Distribution: Will be made directly to the institution of higher learning after the receipt of proof of enrollment.

Questions: website: www.HWIL.org or elizabethcocina@hotmail.com.

Applications and Supporting Documentation: All applications and supporting documentation become the property of the Hispanic Women in Leadership organization. Portions or all of the essays may be used for promotional purposes by the organization for perpetuity. Hispanic Women in Leadership retains the authority and right to make exception to any and all requirements of eligibility in and of the 2015 scholarship application as reviewed on a case by case basis by the Hispanic Women in Leadership Scholarship Committee.



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2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Full Name: _____ Male___ Female___

Name you prefer to be called: _____

Are you a previous HWIL scholarship Recipient? Yes___ No___ If yes, when? _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number ___ - ___ - ____ Or school ID: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternative Phone: _____ Email: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____ District: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Name of Contact Person @ the High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Institution or School: _____

Have you applied for admission to a Texas College or University? ___Yes ___No

Have you applied for admission to a Texas Vocational or Technical School? ___Yes ___No

(You must have applied to a Texas College/University/Vocational/Technical School in order to apply for this scholarship. You will have to provide proof of enrollment in order to have the award funds sent to the school.)

Location of Institution or School: _____

Major Field of Study: _____



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2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, Continued

Please write a statement below that describes your career goals and how this award will help you to reach these goals.

In the spaces below, list any offices held or awards received during your educational career thus far, in any level of education. If a repetitive award or recognition exists, please indicate years achieved. Example: "National Honor Society – '12-'13, '13-'14."

In the spaces below, list any extracurricular activities and/or awards received during your educational career thus far. If a repetitive award or recognition exists, please indicate years achieved. Example: "National Honor Society – '12-'13, '13-'14."

In the spaces below, list any community service/leadership activities and/or awards received during your educational career thus far. If a repetitive award or recognition exists, please indicate years achieved. Example: "Juvenile Diabetes Foundation: Organized a group to walk and raise funds in October of 2012 as well as October of 2013."

In the spaces below, list any work experience you have gained during your educational career thus far. If a repetitive award or recognition exists, please indicate years achieved. Example: "Juvenile Diabetes Foundation: Organized a group to walk and raise funds in October of 2012 as well as October of 2013."

In the spaces below, list any other specific reasons why you need this scholarship award to help you in your academic career

In the spaces below, list the manner in which you will grow as a leader as a direct result of this award.

Note: Material submitted to the Hispanic Women in Leadership will **not** be returned and are the property of the Hispanic Women in Leadership organization.



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CERTIFICATION

BY APPLICANT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR VERIFICATION and HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR HISPANIC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this **HWIL 2015** Scholarship Application are true, accurate and correct, and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. If selected to receive a Hispanic Women in Leadership Scholarship Award, **I understand that I am expected to attend the Hispanic Women in Leadership Scholarship Presentation (tentatively in July, 2015,) to maintain active enrollment in an approved college, university, or technical/vocational school, to uphold a "satisfactory standing" with the educational institution, and to abide by the policies governing the Hispanic Women in Leadership Scholarship Programs.**

(Note: Any false statement or non-adherence to the policies outlined in this Application or in the Application Guidelines shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.) All incomplete applications will be disqualified from consideration.

I hereby authorize any person, firm or entity to release to the Hispanic Women in Leadership, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my academic record, activities, honors and awards. A copy of this agreed authorization is by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as the original. Any person, firm or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned HWIL Scholarship Applicant GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any other potential awards from Hispanic Women in Leadership.

The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Hispanic Women in Leadership organization of Houston, Texas with respect to any and all claims related to the photographs or interview usage by the Hispanic Women in Leadership organization and any other media.

I have hereby read and acknowledge and understand the content of the HWIL 2015 Scholarship Guidelines, Application and Policies.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) – Understanding/Acceptance of Application Policies/Guidelines

Printed Name

Printed Name

Signature

Signature

Date

Date