

NORTH CAROLINA HISPANIC COLLEGE FUND 2018-2019 Application

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The NC Hispanic College Fund established by the NC Society of Hispanic Professionals awards annual scholarships worth between \$500 and \$2500. These scholarships are awarded to recent graduates of North Carolina High Schools who are of Hispanic/Latino background. Winners of a NC Hispanic College Fund scholarship must enroll or be enrolled in a degree or certificate program at a community college or a 2- or 4- year college/university and be committed to public service and community development.

Important Dates

Application is posted on our website all year and updated applications are posted at the beginning of each school year. They can be obtained by writing or calling the NCSHP or by downloading an application from the Internet. **Final applications must be postmarked before or on January 15th** of each year. **Award announcements will be mailed by March 5th.**

Scholarship Disbursement

All scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college or university where the recipient enrolls. Scholarship funds will be designated for tuition and/or room and board. If these expenses have already been met, the award will be placed into an account at the educational institution for use by the student as needed.

General Eligibility Criteria

For High School Seniors:

- Applicant is of Hispanic background (one parent must be fully Hispanic or both parents must be half Hispanic).
- Applicant is a graduating senior from a North Carolina High School
- Applicant has a four-year cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (3.5 on a 5.0 scale)

For College Students:

- Applicant is of Hispanic background (one parent must be fully Hispanic or both parents must be half Hispanic).
- Applicant has graduated from a NC high school within the past 2 years.
- Applicant is currently enrolled in a college or university and has a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale

Eligibility Criteria for Selected Scholarships

- **Duke Energy Scholarship***

- Applicant plans to major in and enter the field of: electrical, mechanical, nuclear chemical, or civil engineering.

Recipients of Duke Energy Scholarships will be awarded **only to students that officially enroll in an engineering program. Proof of enrollment and claim of major will be requested. **DO NOT SELECT THIS SCHOLARSHIP IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO ENROLL IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WITH AN ENGINEERING PROGRAM.** PLEASE be prepared to provide necessary documentation proving that you are pursuing the fields of electrical, mechanical, nuclear, chemical or civil engineering.*

- **Juntos" Program Scholarship**

- Applicant has participated in the Juntos program within the last 2 years in one or more of the following areas:
 1. Juntos 4-H Club and/or Afterschool Program
 2. Juntos Family Engagement Workshops and/or Juntos Family Night Outs
 3. Mentoring and or Success Coaching
 4. Juntos Academy
 5. Academy Team Captain
 6. Juntos College Mentors

Selection Criteria: NOTE: All packets must be **postmarked before or on the 15th of January.** Faxed or Emailed applications will NOT be accepted.

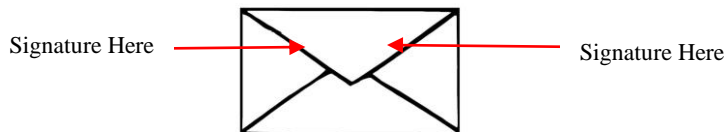
Please submit the following items in one large sealed envelope to the NCSHP. **Your envelope must be postmarked before or on January 15, 2018.**

1. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (in two separate signed and sealed envelopes): Please submit 2 letters of recommendation from a pastor, high school teacher, principal, employer or other community leader who can discuss your:

- Current academic status
- Academic and extracurricular achievements
- Personal qualities such as motivation, commitment, leadership, and goal orientation
- Potential for success and contributions to your community
- Financial need

FAQ: What does it mean that the envelope is signed and sealed?

- ✓ **Make sure that the envelope that you receive is completely closed / glued shut. We do NOT accept open envelopes.**
- ✓ **Make sure the person that makes the recommendation signs the envelope along the closure. This indicates that the envelope has not been opened once delivered.**



2. An official high school transcript OR college transcript: The official transcript must be in a ***signed and sealed envelope and enclosed within the large envelope to be mailed directly to the NCSHP. For students enrolled in a college or university, a current college official transcript must be sent within the packet mailed to the NCSHP.***

3. Personal statement: An essay of 500 words addressing briefly each of the following topics:

- Describe why having Hispanic heritage and family background are important to you
- Describe meaningful personal and/or academic achievements that you have had and why these achievements are important to you
- Describe your academic plans and career goals, giving specific examples
- Describe past and current efforts, as well as future plans, towards making a difference in your community

The personal statement is one of **the most important selection criteria**. It should be written with care and solely for the NC Hispanic College Fund. Title your essay Personal Statement, but do not use a separate cover sheet. Be sure to include the Personal Statement within your packet to be sent directly to the NCSHP. Please note that you will be reviewed based on the aforementioned topics in your personal statement.

4. Completed Application: Answer all questions legibly or by using a word processor.

5. Completed Resume outline

6. Pages 1 and 2 of your parents' 1040 US Tax Form (and yours if applicable).

Additional Considerations

- Club or community organization involvement and volunteer work.
- Financial need.
- Parents' educational attainment.

Mailing Instructions:

- 1. Unfold and Remove all staples** from all materials you send (except for those enclosed in a sealed envelope).
- 2. Make sure your application packet is complete and includes all requested materials:**
 - Transcript(s) with cumulative GPA (official and in a sealed envelope)
 - 2 Letters of Recommendation (each in a signed, sealed envelope)
 - Personal Statement
 - Federal Tax Return(s)
- 3. Completed application form**
- 4. Do not FAX or e-mail applications. DO NOT enclose any materials or documents not requested**
- 5. Write your full name on each document you submit**
- 6. Submit all documents on white 8 ½" x 11" paper**
- 7. Mail application and all materials in a single large envelope, postmarked no later than January 15th, 2018, to:**

NC Society of Hispanic Professionals
NC Hispanic College Fund
8450 Chapel Hill Road, Suite 209 Cary, NC 27513

*** Award notification will be sent to the mailing address indicated in the application. ***

**NC Hispanic College Fund
2018-2019 Application Form
ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS (write legibly):**

- 1) Are you of Hispanic heritage (one parent fully Hispanic or both parents half-Hispanic)?
Yes No
- 2) Will you be an entering college freshman for the 2018-2019 academic year?
Yes No
- 3) Do you have a minimum cumulative high school/College GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or 3.5 on a 5.0 scale)?
Yes No
- 4) If you have already graduated from high school, please indicate the year you graduated. _____
- 5) Are you a permanent resident of the state of North Carolina? Yes No
- 6) Gender: Male Female
- 7) Social Security # ____ - ____ - ____ **(optional; omitting your social security will not affect the review of your application in any way)**
- 8) Full name: _____
- 9) Address: _____

- 10) Phone Number: _____ 11) Home Phone Number: _____
- 11) Email Address: _____
- 12) Permanent Address (If the same as above, please write "SAME"):

- 13) Date of Birth: _____
- 14) Country of Birth: _____
- 15) How did you hear about the Scholarship?

16) Hispanic Heritage (Check all that apply):

- Cuban
- Central American: _____
- Dominican
- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- South American: _____
- Spanish

17) Did either of your parents ever attend college? Yes No
 Degree earned? Yes No

18) College you plan to attend in the fall 2018 (please list all that you are considering and indicate whether or not you have applied to them):

	Have you applied to this College?	
	Yes	No
a) _____	Yes	No
b) _____	Yes	No
c) _____	Yes	No

19) Expected Major: _____
 Career Goal: _____

20) Will you be enrolled in a university in the fall of 2018?

Yes No

21) Will you be enrolled in a 2-year degree program at an accredited university or Community College?

Yes No

22) Expected **college** graduation date:

Expected Degree: _____

23) Total college units (credits) earned to date: _____

From time to time, we may need to communicate with your parents. Please indicate what language your parents prefer:

- 24) Mother/Legal Guardian: ___ English ___ Spanish
- 25) Father/Legal Guardian: ___ English ___ Spanish

If you are eligible for and applying to any of the specific scholarships below, please check all the appropriate boxes. **If you are not eligible or not applying to either of these scholarships, please do not mark in this section.**

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- North Carolina high school student of Hispanic/Latino background who plans to major in and enter the fields of (please indicate below which field you plan to major in by checking the appropriate box):
 - Electrical,
 - Mechanical,
 - Nuclear,
 - Chemical or,
 - Civil engineering at a North Carolina university or a community college.

- "Juntos" Program Scholarship***
 - North Carolina high school student of Hispanic/Latino background who is currently or has been enrolled in the "Juntos" Program in the last two years.

If you were/are part of the Juntos Program please answer the following questions:

1. In what ways have you participated in the Juntos Program (Include year of involvement)?

2. Describe how your involvement with Juntos has benefited you in your goals to pursue Higher Education?

TANF or Public Assistance for the Previous Year	\$ _____
Child Support, Alimony for the Previous Year	\$ _____
Personal Loans, Gifts, etc.	\$ _____
Savings/Investments (e.g., stocks, bonds)	\$ _____
Other Income (please specify)	\$ _____
Last Year's TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$ _____

37) Did you or your parents submit a federal tax return last year?

Yes No

If 'Yes', please submit pages 1 and 2 of your last submitted Federal Tax Return (if applicable, include yours, your parents', your spouse's).

38) 2018-2019 ANNUAL Resources (estimate):

Confirmed Scholarships & Tuition Waivers	\$ _____
Anticipated Scholarships and Tuition Waivers	\$ _____
Annual Student Loans	\$ _____
Annual Work study	\$ _____
Annual Assistantship/Fellowships	\$ _____
Annual JTPA or PIC Benefits	\$ _____
Annual Veterans Benefits	\$ _____
Annual Pell Grant	\$ _____
FAFSA	_____
Other Grants (annual)	\$ _____
TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES	\$ _____

If total household income is less than \$6,000 per year, please specify funding sources, including specific amounts that allow you to live daily:

Please explain and specify any significant income changes within the last year or any extremely unusual expenses:

2018-2019 NC Hispanic College Fund Extracurricular/Volunteer Activities Form

Instructions: Please fill in the form as best as you can with extracurricular and/or volunteer activities you have been involved in. It is not required to fill in ALL the spaces. If you need more space, please feel free to add your activities to a blank piece of paper and add it to your packet with the title "Extracurricular/Volunteer Activities Form" indicated at the top of the page.

Professional Goal:

College Goal:

High School/ College Activities:

Activity	Description	Your Role	Participation Lengths
<i>EXAMPLE: Band</i>	<i>Played flute in High School Concert Band</i>	<i>Flute Section Chair</i>	<i>Junior and senior year</i>
<i>EXAMPLE: Tutoring for elementary students</i>	<i>Tutored elementary students after school every day</i>	<i>Tutored students and helped coordinate other tutors for the teacher</i>	<i>Senior year in High School, summer and freshmen year in college</i>

CERTIFICATION

Student must read all the terms and conditions **check all boxes**, and **SIGN BELOW** to be eligible for consideration.

- I give my college/high school consent to release to the NC Hispanic College Fund all information pertaining to this application package including; GPA, enrollment, financial, and contact information.
- I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that falsification of any application information will result in termination of any scholarship granted.
- I certify that I will be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- I certify that I am of Hispanic background (one parent must be fully Hispanic or both parents must be half Hispanic).
- I understand that I must e-mail any changes in my academic status to mailbox@TheNCSHP.org. Changes in academic status may result in award termination or suspension of your award.
- I understand that all award decisions and notifications are final and exceptions will not be made.
- I understand that application materials become the property of the NCHCF and will not be returned.
- I understand that any scholarship funds awarded to me will be distributed directly to the university or college in which I am enrolled.
- I understand that applicants and their relatives are barred from advocating for themselves by directly approaching selection committee members. Doing so may result in an automatic removal from consideration for a NC Hispanic College Fund scholarship.
- I understand that incomplete and late application materials will result in ineligibility and exceptions will not be made.
- I understand that I must reapply each eligible year with no guarantee of renewal if I am a scholarship winner.
- I give authorization to the NC Hispanic College Fund to share my contact information with scholarship company sponsors; including the name of the university or college I will be attending, and my career mayor/minor, for them to contact me for purposes of letting me know about internship and job opportunities.
- I give authorization to the NC Hispanic College Fund to publish my name, image, statements and/or writings including any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings in connection with my scholarship application for use in the NCSHP's print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other NCSHP publications.
- I certify that I have read this application and accept all conditions.

Student's signature _____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature (If student is under 18 years old) _____	Date: _____