



Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

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2017 Scholarship Application

The ¡HICA! Scholarship Fund directly supports Latino youth in achieving their dreams of higher education. ¡HICA! is committed to expanding college access and career readiness for immigrant youth in Alabama, recognizing the numerous financial, legal, linguistic, and cultural barriers they face.

Deadline: February 28th, 2017 by 5:00 pm

Eligibility: ¡HICA! is looking for a hardworking 1st generation Latino student, who is an immigrant or has immigrant parents, pursuing higher-education and meets the following criteria:

- Must be able to show proof of financial need
- Must be resident of Jefferson, Shelby, Walker, St. Clair, or Blount County
- Must be able to demonstrate previous community involvement and commitment to education

* *Not eligible:* ¡HICA! current staff, board, Scholarship Committee members, and their immediate relatives

Award: The scholarship amount is **\$1,000**

- ¡HICA! will directly transfer the scholarship to the institution's account – students will not receive a direct check.
- The recipient will be determined by the ¡HICA! Scholarship Committee (a group of individuals made up of staff, board members, educators, and community members).
- Finalists will be contacted for an in-person interview and the winner will be announced in April 2017.
- Scholarship may be applied to any 2-year or 4-year institution, technical school, or community college program.

Requirements: All applicants must submit the attached application and required documents listed below.

- **Completed Application Form:** Read and carefully answer ALL questions.
- **Education Intent:** Copy of letter of acceptance to the institution or program, proof of enrollment, or class schedule.
(Other documentation may be admissible, contact scholarships@hispanicinterest.org for details)
- **Proof of Financial Need:** Copy of FASFA or copy of tax return for the year 2015 (Form 1040).
- **Letter of Recommendation:** Submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor, employer, spiritual leader, coach or family friend.
- **Academic Record:** Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (submit attached copy of official transcript)
- **Resume:** Applicants must submit a resume to show any work experience, honors, awards, extracurricular activities, and volunteer service
- **Commitments:** If selected, scholarship recipient must agree to the following commitments: (Dates and details will be announced upon receiving scholarship)
 - ◇ Allow ¡HICA! to use photo and story for future promotion of scholarship
 - ◇ Speak to youth group participants at ¡HICA! youth event or workshop
 - ◇ Attend a fundraiser and share testimony on how your education/scholarship has impacted you
- **Essay:** See application

Incomplete applications or those missing documents will not be considered.

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HICA! Scholarship Fund for Latino Students

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Personal Information of Applicant

Full legal name: _____
Last First Middle

Sex: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone :(____) _____

Email Address: _____

High School Data

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ (Must attach an official transcript)

Post-secondary Institution

College/ University/ Post-Secondary education program/ Technical School: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____/_____

College GPA (if applicable) _____

Current class standing: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Or Year: _____

Major: _____ Specialization or program: _____

Minor: _____

2017-2018 annual costs: Tuition: \$ _____ Fees: \$ _____

Estimated book cost: \$ _____ Room/Board: \$ _____ **Total:** \$ _____

Number of hours for which you will enroll in each of the following terms:

Spring '17: _____ Fall '17 _____

Are you currently working? Yes – Full Time / Part Time / Work Study No

Have you secured private or public scholarships from other sources? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, how much have you secured for the 2017-2018 school year? \$ _____

Financial Data

Total annual family income (tax documentation/FASFA): \$ _____

Do you live with your parents? Yes ___ No ___ Number of family members living at home including you: _____

Will your parents claim you on their 2015 taxes? Yes ___ No ___

Number of siblings attending college in 2017/18: _____

Note: explain any unusual financial circumstances that apply to the 2017-2018 school year

Personal Essay

Please type your response in 12 point Times New Roman, double-spaced on a separate piece of paper. If sending electronic copy, please attach file as a PDF. If sending application in mail, please print a separate page and staple to application.

In 500 words or less, tell us how being Latino or an immigrant has shaped you and why you value education. Include your educational goals and career aspirations, in addition to how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Application Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of letter of acceptance to post-secondary institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of FASFA or other proof of income/financial need | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal essay | |

Information submitted will be maintained in confidence and utilized solely for purposes of analyzing scholarship application

For more information: Contact ¡HICA! at (205) 942-5505 or e-mail scholarships@hispanicinterest.org

Mail your application to: ¡HICA!, 117 South Crest Drive Birmingham, AL 35209 **or email to** scholarships@hispanicinterest.org