Hispanic Business Network Scholarship Fund
First-Generation Scholarship Application

The Hispanic Business Network focuses on four pillars; or the “4Cs”: Career Development, Commerce Development, Community Involvement, and Cultural Awareness.

As true servant leaders, we must give back to our communities. The HBN has a passion to support homegrown leaders and established the Hispanic Business Network Foundation Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to help make college dreams a reality and support the journey of higher education for first-generation college students. The Scholarship Fund provides a financial award, mentorship opportunities, and additional resources.

**Scholarship Eligibility**
- Student is enrolled in any Community College or University in Illinois
- Student has a B average or higher
- Student demonstrates a need for financial assistance.
- Student shows an interest in continuing education.
- Student is a first-generation student

**Application Process**
- Applicant must submit a two-page essay which describes how he/she will positively impact their community through their career. Please also discuss how you plan to give back to the community.
- Student must provide the Hispanic Business Network office with verification of collegiate registration for scholarship payment.
- Students interested in the scholarship must submit the following:
  - Completed application
  - College transcript
  - Two-page essay
  - Verification of collegiate registration
- Students must submit the following by September 29, 2023 to scholars@hbnchicago.com
- If the scholarship is awarded, the applicant will be contacted on October 6, 2023.
- Recipients and their families will attend a reception and be presented their scholarship on October 13, 2023 at the Annual Scholarship Gala.

**Student Obligations** (if Scholarship is Awarded)
- Student must maintain a B average or higher.
- Student must complete 10 hours of community service per academic year.
- Student must meet with an HBN mentor during the first three months after receiving award.
- Student must volunteer 20 hours per academic year with the Hispanic Business Network.
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Student Information

1. Name (in full) __________________________________________

2. Home Address __________________________________________
City __________________________ State _________ Zip code __________

3. Home Phone __________________________ Cell Phone __________

4. Email address (optional): __________________________________

5. Parents'/Guardians' Name(s): ________________________________

6. College/University you plan to attend this Fall: __________________
Address ______________________________________________________
City __________________________ State _________ Zip code __________
Phone Number of Financial Aid Office ____________________________

7. Contact Name at Financial Aid Office ___________________________

8. Major _____________________________________________________
Minor or area(s) of concentration _________________________________

9. ACT or SAT Score ___________________________________________

*Attach High School transcript with GPA or current College GPA report*

By signing this application, I understand the obligations set forth and give permission to the Hispanic Business Network to publicize my scholarship award, if chosen as the recipient. This includes social medial platforms.

Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date ________________
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Student Information

In addition to providing the two-page essay, complete this page. Please provide information of your school activity participation, community involvement, achievements, and leadership skills supporting your application.

School Activities

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Community Activities

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Significant honors, awards, and accomplishments that you have received

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Leadership position and offices held

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