

# Scholarships for Hispanic and Latino Students



Check out scholarships that are exclusive to Hispanic students.

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This guide lists more than 100 college scholarship and graduate fellowship programs for Hispanic and Latino students. Hispanic and Latino students should also conduct a scholarship search using the Fastweb [scholarship matching service](#). The FastWeb scholarship database includes additional

awards that are restricted to Hispanic and Latino students, as well as more general award programs that are available to all minority students and scholarships that are unrestricted by race or heritage.

According to the 2007-08 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), 3.5% of Hispanic and Latino undergraduate students receive private scholarships, with an average award amount of \$2,269. At 4-year colleges the figures are 5.6% and \$2,498, respectively. At graduate and professional schools, 4.9% of Hispanic and Latino students receive private sector fellowships, with an average award amount of \$7,601. Approximately 117,500 Hispanic and Latino students receive scholarships and fellowships each year. Hispanic students are more likely than non-Hispanic students to receive graduate fellowships, but less likely to receive undergraduate scholarships.

The scholarships for Hispanic and Latino students are organized in the following categories:

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- Hispanic Scholarships with Geographic Restrictions
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There are also sections focused on academic and leadership programs for Hispanic students, recruiting programs for Hispanic students and internship programs for Hispanic students. These are followed by lists of other directories of Hispanic scholarships and related resources.

## **Largest and Most Prestigious Hispanic Scholarships**

### **[Adelante Fund Scholarship Program](#)**

The Adelante Fund Scholarship Program sponsors several scholarship programs with amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The deadline is in late May.

- The national scholarship is available to college juniors or seniors pursuing a degree in business, economics, finance, accounting, marketing, public relations or sales. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to continue receiving the scholarship.
- The MillerCoors Texas scholarship is available to an incoming or current full-time undergraduate student attending a college in Dallas, Houston or El Paso. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to continue receiving the scholarship.
- The MillerCoors Chicago scholarship is available to an incoming or current undergraduate student attending a college in the Chicago Metro area. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to continue receiving the scholarship.
- The Hope Scholarship is available to an incoming or current undergraduate student attending an accredited college in San Antonio, Texas. This scholarship is not renewable. The award is not based on financial need. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must demonstrate involvement in community service. Recipients may pursue a degree in any field of study offered by the San Antonio college. Employees of CPS Energy are not eligible.
- The iHispano Scholarship is available to any incoming or current undergraduate student at a 4-year university in any major. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to continue receiving the scholarship.

### **[Best Buy Emerging Latino Leaders Scholarship Program](#)**

The Emerging Latino Leaders Scholarship Program is a national essay contest sponsored by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) and Best Buy Children's Foundation. NCLR is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. Two \$10,000 and three \$5,000 scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence and community service. The deadline is in early March.

### **[Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute](#)**

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute provides educational and leadership development programs including [scholarships](#) and [fellowships](#). The scholarships include the [CHCI Scholarship](#) and [CHCI Alumni Association Dream Scholarship](#) (for first generation college students). The fellowships include the [CHCI Public Policy Fellowship](#) for recent bachelor's degree recipients and the [CHCI Graduate & Young Professional Fellowship](#) for college graduates with at least a Master's degree or three years of professional experience in the chosen policy field. The fellowships provide an opportunity to work in Congressional offices, federal agencies or national advocacy organizations. Fields include health, housing, international affairs, law and STEM. All recipients are selected based on community service and leadership.

### **[Becas para Estudiantes Hispanos y Latinos \(Español\)](#)** **[Gates Millennium Scholarship Program \(GMSP\)](#)**

The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program is funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Awards for Hispanic and Latino students are awarded in partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be US citizens or eligible non-citizens who are high school seniors intending to enroll full-time in a college or university. Candidates must have a 3.3 or higher GPA and demonstrate financial need (eligible for the Pell Grant). Recipients are selected on the basis of leadership and academic excellence. The deadline is in early January. For more information, call 1-877-690-4677 or write to Gates Millennium Scholars, PO Box 10500, Fairfax, VA 22031-8044.

### **[Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement \(HACE\)](#)**

The Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement provides several undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships to Hispanic and Latino students. An example is the ComEd Latino Scholarship Fund which awards five \$2,500 scholarships to Illinois residents who have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Eligible majors include accounting,

business, chemistry, communications, computer science, engineering, pre-law, mathematics, media relations and physics. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic excellence and community service. The deadline is in late August.

### **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)**

HACU scholarships require the recipient to demonstrate financial-need and to be attending a [HACU member institution](#). Many require a minimum 3.0 GPA. Awards are available for students attending 2-year and 4-year colleges. Amounts range from \$500 to \$3,500 a year. Fields of study include accounting, allied health, automotive design, business, business administration, computer, computer science, electrical engineering, engineering, engineering, fashion design, finance, food merchandising, health sciences, information technology, marketing, mechanical engineering, nursing, public relations, retail management and sales. The deadline is in early June.

### **Hispanic College Fund (HCF)**

The Hispanic College Fund awards more than \$2 million to 615 recipients each year, an average of \$3,250 per student. Most of the scholarships were granted to students majoring in business, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required. Applicants must also be US citizens or permanent residents. Most of the scholarship programs require applicants to be high school seniors who are planning on enrolling full-time in college. Examples include:

- [NASA-MUST: Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology](#) is a renewable scholarship for undergraduate students that covers up to half tuition and fees, capped at \$10,000 per year. It also includes a 10-week summer internship with \$6,000 stipend and \$1,000 travel allowance. Applicants must major in STEM fields of study (science, technology, engineering or mathematics). US citizenship is required. The deadline is in early February.
- [Google Scholarship Program in Computer Science and Computer Engineering](#) is a \$10,000 scholarship open to Hispanic students who are juniors or seniors in college or pursuing a Master's or PhD, with at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must be majoring in computer science or computer engineering, demonstrate financial need and be enrolled on a full-time basis. US citizenship or permanent residency is required. The deadline is March 15.

For more information, call 1-800-644-4223 or 1-202-296-5400, fax 1-202-296-3774, write to Hispanic College Fund, Inc., 1301 K Street NW, Suite 450-A West, Washington, DC 20005, or send email to [hcf-info@hispanicfund.org](mailto:hcf-info@hispanicfund.org).

### **Hispanic Heritage Foundation**

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation offers the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards (HHYA) to graduating high school seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Awards are granted in several categories, including academic excellence, business, education, engineering, mathematics, journalism, leadership and sports. Award amounts include \$1,000 (bronze medallion), \$2,000 (silver medallion) and \$3,000 (gold medallion). National HHYA recipients receive \$5,000 and a laptop computer. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. The deadline is March 30.

### **Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)**

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund provides scholarships open to [graduating high school seniors](#), [undergraduate and graduate students](#) and [community college students intending to transfer to a 4-year college](#). Applicants must be US citizens or eligible non-citizens and have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Most awards have deadlines in mid-February, although there are some awards with deadlines as early as mid-November and as late as July 15. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund awards more than 4,000 scholarships totaling more than \$25 million a year. For more information call 1-877-HSF-INFO (1-877-473-4636) or write to Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 55 Second Street, Suite 1500 San Francisco, CA 94105.

(Organizations interested in supporting the efforts of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund should contact the [Hispanic Scholarship Fund Institute](#) .)

### **[La Unidad Latina Foundation Academic Scholarships](#)**

The La Unidad Latina Foundation offers academic scholarships of \$250 to \$1,000 for Hispanic students enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's degree program at a 4-year US college or university. Applicants must have completed one full-time year of undergraduate education or at least one full-time semester of graduate study. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.8 to 3.6 (inclusive) on a 4.0 scale. The deadlines are February 15 (spring) and October 15 (fall).

### **[League of United Latin American Citizens \(LULAC\)](#)**

The League of United Latin American Citizens sponsors the [LULAC National Scholarship Fund \(LNSF\)](#) . Scholarships amounts are up to \$2,000. Applicants must have applied to or be enrolled in a college, university or graduate student (including 2-year colleges and vocational school programs leading to an Associate's degree). A minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required for the National Scholastic Achievement Awards, and a minimum 3.25 GPA is required for the Honors Awards. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents.

### **[Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund \(HEEF\)](#)** (California)

The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) provides more than 100 scholarships worth more than \$150,000 to Orange County Hispanic students. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. Applicants must either be graduating from an OC high school or transferring from an OC community college. Fields of study include architecture, arts, business, economics, engineering, economic development, finance, information technology, law enforcement, marketing, real estate and writing as well as general awards. Minimum GPA requirements vary by scholarship program. All applicants must demonstrate financial need. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, community service and/or work history. The deadline is mid-December for high school seniors and mid-February for community college students.

### **[Sallie Mae Fund](#)**

The Sallie Mae Fund offers two scholarship programs for Hispanic students. The [First in My Family Scholarship](#) provides \$500 to \$5,000 to students who are US citizens or permanent residents and have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is April 15. The scholarship is managed by the [Hispanic College Fund](#) . The other award program is the [Community College Transfer Scholarship](#) .

### **[Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund \(SALEF\)](#)** (California, Texas, Washington DC)

The Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund offers the "Fulfilling Our Dreams" scholarships Salvadoran, Central American, and Latino high school seniors, college students and graduate or professional students who reside and study in California, Houston or Washington DC. Community college students must be AB540. The scholarships are open to all students regardless of immigration or citizenship status. Applicants must be majoring in health-related fields of study, theology, philosophy, cultural studies, environmental studies or social justice. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$2,500 (some may be renewable). A minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required; some awards require at least a 3.0 GPA. Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in community service and/or mentorship of high school students. The deadline is June 30.

### **[Smithsonian Institution](#)**

The Smithsonian Institution offers the Latino Studies Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships to facilitate research related to Latino history, art and culture using Smithsonian resources. The predoctoral fellowships provide a stipend of \$27,000 per year plus allowances. The postdoctoral fellowships offer a stipend of \$42,000 per year plus allowances. There is also a research allowance of up to \$4,000. The deadline is January 15. For more information, call 1-202-633-7070, fax 1-202-633-7069, write to Office of Fellowships, Smithsonian

Institution, 470 L'Enfant Plaza Suite 7102, PO Box 37012 MRC 902, Washington, DC 20013-7012 or send email to [siofg@si.edu](mailto:siofg@si.edu).

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## **Scholarships for Hispanic Business Students**

The following scholarships are available to Hispanic students majoring in business, finance, economics and accounting. See also the [HACE](#), [HACU](#), [HCF](#), [HHYA](#) and [HEEF](#) scholarship programs.

### **[Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting \(ALPFA\)](#)**

The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) provides \$150,000 in total undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Hispanic students in business, finance or accounting. Typical award amounts are about \$1,250 to \$1,500, although some awards may provide as much as \$10,000. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be enrolled full-time at a 4-year college or university (or transferring from a community college to a 4-year college or university). Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents residing in the United States or Puerto Rico. The scholarship is administered by the Hispanic College Fund. The deadline is March 15.

### **[National Society of Hispanic MBAs \(NSHMBA\)](#)**

The National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA) offers graduate fellowships in management and business. Fellowship amounts vary from \$2,500 to \$10,000 and are renewable for up to one year. Applicants must be of Hispanic heritage and be US citizens or legal permanent residents. A minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required for students who are applying from a Bachelor's or Master's degree program. The GPA requirement is reduced to 2.75 for students who are applying from a Bachelor's degree program and have 2 years of full-time work experience. Applicants must be student members of NSHMBA. The deadline is April 30.

## **Scholarships for Latino Law Students**

See also the [CHCI](#) and [HACE](#) scholarship programs.

### **[Justicia en Diversidad Foundation \(JD Foundation\)](#)**

The Justicia en Diversidad Foundation (JD Foundation) sponsors the JD Foundation Scholarship and Mentorship Program to help graduating Latino and Latina high school seniors attend college and pursue a career in law. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is February 1.

### **[La Raza Lawyers Charitable Foundation](#)**

The La Raza Lawyers Charitable Foundation of Santa Clara County sponsors a \$2,500 scholarship for Latino law students. Applicants must be from the Bay area or attending Santa Clara University, Lincoln, UC Berkeley, University of San Francisco, UC Hastings, Stanford, Golden Gate University, UC Davis or McGeorge Schools of Law. Recipients are selected based on financial need and community service. The deadline is in late September.

### **[MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program](#)**

The MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program provides scholarships to first, second and third-year Latino law school students based on community service, academic excellence and financial need. The deadline is August 31.

### **[Puerto Rican Bar Association \(PRBA\)](#)**

The Puerto Rican Bar Association sponsors a scholarship for first or second year students enrolled in a JD degree program at ABA approved law school. Award amounts vary from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The deadline is March 1.

### **[San Francisco Bar](#)** (San Francisco, California)

The San Francisco Bar sponsors the Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship for an underrepresented minority student enrolled in a Bay Area law school. The award amount is \$10,000/year. The deadline is May 15.

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## **Scholarships for Hispanic Journalism and Communications Students**

These scholarships include awards for journalism, public relations, marketing, advertising and communications. See also the [HACE](#), [HACU](#), [HHYA](#) and [HEEF](#) scholarships programs.

### **[Carlos M. Castañeda Journalism Scholarship](#)**

The [Carlos M. Castañeda Educational Foundation](#) awards renewable scholarships to Spanish-speaking graduate students in journalism. While candidates do not need to be Hispanic, they must be able to write in Spanish at a professional level and demonstrate knowledge of and interest in Hispanic culture and Latin American current events. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. A 3.0 or higher GPA is also required for continued receipt of the scholarship. Award amounts vary, but typically are about \$7,000 a year. The deadline is April 15.

### **[CCNMA: Latino Journalists of California](#)**

CCNMA sponsors [scholarships](#) for students interested in a career in journalism, including the [Joel Garcia Memorial Scholarship](#) and the Frank del Olmo Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must either attend a California college or be a California resident and must demonstrate financial need, academic excellence and knowledge of Latino issues. Award amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The deadline is in early April. For more information, send email to CCNMA at [info@ccnma.org](mailto:info@ccnma.org).

### **[Hispanic Public Relations Association \(HPRA\)](#)**

The Hispanic Public Relations Association sponsors one \$2,500 scholarship and nine \$1,000 scholarships for Latino students pursuing a career in communications or a related field. The deadline is in early June.

### **[The LAGRANT Foundation](#)**

The LAGRANT Foundation sponsors \$5,000 scholarships for full-time undergraduate students at accredited 4-year colleges and \$10,000 graduate fellowships. Applicants must be of African American, Asian Pacific American, Hispanic/Latino or Native American/Alaska Native heritage. US citizenship or permanent residency is required. Applicants must major in a field related to public relations, marketing or advertising and want to pursue a career in one of these fields. Undergraduate students must have at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and graduate students must have at least a 3.2 GPA. The deadline is in late February.

### **[National Association of Hispanic Journalists \(NAHJ\)](#)**

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists offers the Ruben Salazar Scholarship to Hispanic high school seniors, college students and first-year graduate students interested in careers in print, photo, broadcast or online journalism. Applicants must be student members of NAHJ. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The deadline is in early April.

### **[San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists](#)**

The San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists provides an annual scholarship to Hispanic students majoring in journalism or communication who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must either attend a San Antonio college or have a permanent residence in San Antonio or Bexar County, Texas. The application link is on the bottom right of the web page. The deadline is at the end of June.

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## **Scholarships for Hispanic Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing Students**

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See also the [HACU](#) and [SALEF](#) scholarship programs.

### **Costco Pharmacy Scholar Program**

The Costco Pharmacy Scholar Program provides scholarships of \$500 to \$9,500 to full-time Hispanic students pursuing a degree in pharmacy at an accredited US or Puerto Rican college or university. Applicants must have completed one year of their pharmacy studies. US citizenship or permanent residency is required. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and must demonstrate financial need. The deadline is March 15.

### **Hispanic Dental Association Foundation**

The Hispanic Dental Association Foundation awards scholarships of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to dental student members of the Hispanic Dental Association. The deadline is in late May.

### **Kaiser Permanente College to Caring Program**

The Kaiser Permanente College to Caring Program provides \$8,000 renewable scholarships to full-time Hispanic college juniors or seniors who are pursuing a Bachelor's degree in nursing. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents and reside in northern California. A minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale is required. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. The deadline is March 15.

### **Latinos for Dental Careers Scholarship** (California)

The Latinos for Dental Careers Scholarship sponsors a \$1,000 scholarship for dental students and dental hygiene students in an accredited dental program that is associated with one of the six California dental schools. The deadline is May 31. LDC also offers a \$500 scholarship for International Dentists who want to validate their license in California. The deadline is May 31.

### **Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)**

The Latino Medical Student Association sponsors several scholarships for pre-med and medical students. Award amounts vary from \$500 to \$1,000 but may also include other unspecified amounts. The deadlines are throughout the year, from mid-September to mid-July.

### **Lucille and Edward R. Roybal Foundation**

The Lucille and Edward R. Roybal Foundation sponsors the Public Health Scholarship Program, which awards \$2,500 undergraduate and \$5,000 graduate scholarships. Applicants must be Hispanic students enrolled in the junior or senior year of college or in a graduate pharmacy, optometry, nursing or public health program. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need and a commitment to serve the interests of low-income Latino communities in the United States. The deadline is May 1.

### **National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)**

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses sponsors three \$1,000 scholarships for Hispanic nursing students. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and must be a member of NAHN. The deadline is in mid-April.

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## **Scholarships for Hispanic Students in STEM Fields**

The following scholarships are intended to increase the number of Hispanic students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). See also the [CHCI](#), [HACE](#), [HACU](#), [HCF](#), [HHYA](#) and [HEEF](#) scholarship programs.

### **[Advancing Hispanic Excellence in Technology, Engineering, Math and Science \(AHETEMS\) Scholarship Program](#)**

The AHETEMS scholarship program is open to Hispanic students who are enrolled full-time in a science, technology, engineering or math discipline. Award amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$5,000. A 3.0 minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale is required. The deadline is April 1.

### **[Alliance/Merck Ciencia Scholars Hispanic Scholars Program \(Fact Sheet\)](#)**

The Alliance/Merck Ciencia Scholars Hispanic Scholars Program provides ten \$42,500 college scholarships/internships (Alliance/Merck Ciencia Scholars) and twenty-five \$2,000 scholarships (Ciencia National Scholarships) per year. The Alliance/Merck Ciencia Scholars receive an annual \$5,000 scholarship (renewable for up to a total of four years) and an annual \$7,500 summer research internship (for each of three years) along with Ciencia mentor support and the opportunity to present original research in an annual Ciencia Scholars Symposium. The program is open to Hispanic high school seniors from Brownsville (Texas), Elizabeth (New Jersey) and Los Angeles (California) who will major in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The deadline is in mid-January. For more information call 1-866-783-2645 or write to [National Alliance for Hispanic Health](#), Attn: Alliance/Merck Ciencia Hispanic Scholars Program, 1501 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

### **[National Organization of Professional Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees \(NOPHNRCS\)](#)**

The National Organization of Professional Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees sponsors four \$1,000 scholarships for Hispanic students who wish to pursue or are pursuing a Bachelor's degree with a major in natural resources or natural resources conservation at an accredited 4-year college or university. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and current college freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The deadline is in late February.

### **[Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists \(MAES\)](#)**

The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists sponsors scholarships for Hispanic students who are majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Award amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Applicants must be student members of MAES. The deadline is in late September.

## **Scholarships for Hispanic Students in Other Majors**

### **[Jorge Mas Canosa Freedom Foundation](#)**

The Jorge Mas Canosa Freedom Foundation sponsors the [Mas Family Scholarships](#) for undergraduate and graduate students of Cuban descent. Eligible majors include engineering, business, international relations, economics, communications and journalism. The deadline is in mid-January. For more information, please call 1-305-529-0075 x135 or write to The Mas Family Scholarships, PO Box 14-1898, Miami, FL 33114.

### **[National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees](#)**

The National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees sponsors two scholarship programs. The [Rene Matos Scholarships](#) are awarded based on financial need, academic achievement, student activities, honors and awards, community involvement, leadership, personal qualities and strengths. The deadline is May 1. [The NHCFAE-FEEA Scholarship Program](#) (see also the [FEEA web site](#)) awards a \$1,000 scholarship to current civilian federal employees who are NHCFAE members, their spouses and dependent children. A 3.0 minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale is required. The deadline is in late March.

### **[State Farm Companies Foundation](#)**

The State Farm Companies Foundation awards twenty-five \$2,500 awards annual to Hispanic students interested in teaching careers. The deadline is mid-October. The scholarships are administered by the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

### **US National Highway Institute**

The US National Highway Institute offers the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) for undergraduate and graduate students at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs). Students cannot apply directly for these fellowships, as funding is provided through the colleges. The awards are for students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines. US citizenship and permanent residency is required.

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### **Hispanic Scholarships with Geographic Restrictions**

The following awards have a geographic restriction as the primary criterion.

#### **BECA Foundation** (San Diego, California)

The BECA Foundation sponsors several scholarships for Hispanic students who attend a high school or college in San Diego county, California. Award amounts vary from \$500 to \$2,000. The deadline is in early March.

#### **Chicana/Latina Foundation** (Northern California)

The Chicana/Latina Foundation sponsors thirty \$1,500 scholarship a year for Chicana/Latina women. To qualify women must reside in a northern California county and be attending an accredited college or graduate school in northern California. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership and civic/community involvement. Applicants must also have at least a 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and have completed at least one semester/quarter as a full-time college student. Recipients of the scholarship must agree to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours in support of the Chicana/Latina Foundation. The deadline is in mid-March.

#### **Connecticut Association of Latinos in Higher Education (CALAHE)** (Connecticut)

CALAHE provides \$1,000 scholarships to Latino high school seniors and college undergraduate students from Connecticut. (Applicants must have resided in Connecticut for the past 12 months.) US citizenship or permanent residency is required. Candidates must demonstrate financial need and have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is April 15.

#### **Esperanza Scholarship** (Ohio)

The Esperanza Scholarship program provides more than 40 scholarships a year to Hispanic high school seniors and current college students residing in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties in Ohio. Award amounts vary from \$500 to \$1,000. Applicants must have a 2.75 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is in mid-March.

#### **Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber** (Oregon, Washington)

The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber provides scholarships for Hispanic students who reside in Oregon or in Clark county, Washington. Applicants must have at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applicants are evaluated based on academic excellence, extracurricular activities, community involvement and a written essay.

#### **Hispanic Scholarship Consortium (HSC)**

The Hispanic Scholarship Consortium provides renewable \$2,000 and \$5,000 scholarships to Hispanic high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students who reside in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Lee, Travis or Williamson counties in Texas. The scholarships are available for full-time enrollment at 2-year and 4-year colleges. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents. Applicants must have at least a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA to retain the award. The deadline is April 15.

#### **Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund** (Florida)

The Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Fund provides renewable \$2,000 scholarships to Hispanic students enrolled at Florida public and eligible private colleges. There is a preference for graduating high school seniors seeking funding for undergraduate school, but graduate students may also apply, subject to the availability of funds. The number of awards depends on private contributions matched by the Florida Department of

Education. Applicants must be US citizens or eligible noncitizens with a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The application deadline is April 1. Applicants must also submit the FAFSA by May 15.

### **Lambda Theta Nu Sorority**

The Lambda Theta Nu Sorority sponsors the Latina Scholarship Award for female graduating high school seniors of Hispanic heritage who will enroll in a 4-year college. The scholarship is awarded by sorority chapters to local area students. The deadline is May 1.

### **Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges (LLN)** (California)

The Latina Leadership Network awards ten \$500 scholarships to Latina students attending California community colleges. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is January 31.

### **Latino Business Professionals of Silicon Valley** (California)

The Latino Business Professionals of Silicon Valley (LBP) and California Hispanic Professional Association (CHisPA) sponsor a scholarship for underrepresented Hispanic high school and college students from the Bay Area. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Eligible majors include accounting, finance and business. The deadline is in mid-March.

### **Latino Diamante Scholarship Fund** (North Carolina)

The Latino Diamante Scholarship Fund sponsors two \$750 scholarships for Hispanic high school seniors who plan on enrolling at a North Carolina college or university. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is August 15. For more information, call 1-919-852-0075, write to Diamante, Inc., 315 N. Academy St. Suite 256, Cary, NC 27513 or send email to [scholarships@diamanteinc.org](mailto:scholarships@diamanteinc.org).

### **The Latino Scholarship Fund** (Connecticut)

The Latino Scholarship Fund sponsors scholarships for Hispanic high school seniors from the Greater Danbury, Connecticut, area, including Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding and Ridgefield. US citizenship or legal permanent residency is required. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic potential, character and integrity. The deadline is March 15.

### **Latin American Educational Foundation** (Colorado)

The Latin American Educational Foundation provides scholarships to Colorado residents of Hispanic heritage or to Colorado residents who are actively involved in the Hispanic community. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Recipients are selected based on financial need and academic excellence. Recipients are required to perform 10 hours of community service during the year in which they receive funding. The deadline is March 1.

### **New Mexico Alliance for Hispanic Education** (New Mexico)

The New Mexico Alliance for Hispanic Education offers scholarships for full-time Hispanic undergraduate and graduate students who are New Mexico residents. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The scholarships are open to community college students, community college transfer students, undergraduate students and graduate students who are pursuing their first undergraduate or graduate degree. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents and have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The deadline is in mid-February.

### **North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals** (North Carolina)

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals sponsors the North Carolina Hispanic College Fund to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors from North Carolina who are of Hispanic or Latino heritage. The award amounts vary from \$500 to \$2,500 and are renewable for up to a total of four years of support. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale or 3.5 or higher GPA on a 5.0 scale. The deadline is January 15.

### **[Sociedad Amigos de Colombia \(SADCO\)](#)** (Indiana)

The Sociedad Amigos de Colombia sponsors fifteen \$1,600 scholarships for Hispanic residents of Indiana. Applicants must be high school seniors or college freshmen, sophomores or juniors pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. Applicants must also have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. Recipients are selected based on financial need, community service and outreach. The deadline is April 30.

### **[Valley Alliance of Mentors for Opportunities & Scholarships \(VAMOS\)](#)** (Texas)

The VAMOS Scholarship is open to Hispanic graduating high school seniors from Hidalgo, Starr and Cameron counties in Texas. Applicants must rank in the top 25% of their graduating class, have a 3.2 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale and be eligible for the Pell Grant. Applicants must be US citizens or legal permanent residents. The deadline is April 1.

### **[Young Latinas Leadership Institute \(YLLI\)](#)** (New York)

The Young Latinas Leadership Institute provides a scholarship program for female Hispanic students at New York area colleges in partnership with The City University of New York. Five \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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## **Scholarships for Students with a Migrant Farmworker Background**

### **[College Assistance Migrant Program Scholarship](#)**

The College Assistance Migrant Program Scholarship provides financial support and academic support to approximately 2,000 students during the freshman year of college at 38 participating 4-year colleges and universities. The program is open to high school seniors with a migrant or seasonal farmworking background who are US citizens or legal permanent residents. Award amounts vary from \$750 to \$4,000. The deadline is November 1.

### **[Geneseo Migrant Center Scholarships](#)**

The Geneseo Migrant Center Scholarships are for students with a migrant or seasonal farmworking background. Award amounts vary from \$150 to \$2,500.

## **Scholarships for Undocumented Students**

Several of the scholarships listed in this guide are not restricted according to citizenship or immigration status. Citizenship restrictions are noted where known. The following scholarships are specifically designated just for undocumented students. See also [Financial Aid and Scholarships for Undocumented Students](#) on the FinAid site.

### **[Association of Raza Educators \(ARE\)](#)**

The Association of Raza Educators provides approximately fifteen \$1,000 scholarships to undocumented high school seniors and current college students. Applicants must be graduating from or have graduated from Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need and community involvement. The deadline is March 1.

### **[Chicano Organizing & Research in Education \(CORE\)](#)**

Chicano Organizing & Research in Education (CORE) sponsors the Que Llave Café Scholarship for undocumented Chicano/Latino undergraduate students. The award amount varies from \$500 to \$1,000. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need and academic promise. The deadline is in mid-April.

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## **Academic and Leadership Programs for Hispanic Students**

### **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)**

AVID teaches organizational, study and critical-thinking skills to students in grades 5-12. This program is available in 2,200 middle and high schools in 36 states and 15 countries.

### **Center for the Advancement of Hispanics in Science and Engineering Education (CAHSEE)**

CAHSEE, an organization of Hispanic scientists and engineers, sponsors several education programs for Hispanic high school, undergraduate and graduate students. The [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Institute \(STEM Institute\)](#) is a summer educational program for students in the fifth through eleventh grades. The [Central American Young Scholar Awards \(CAYSA\)](#) honor 60 Washington DC-area high school seniors. The [Young Engineer and Scientist Program \(YESP\)](#) puts Hispanic undergraduate students in research labs of government agencies. The [Young Educators Program \(YEP\)](#) is a paid (\$3,000 stipend) summer program for Hispanic graduate students.

### **Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)**

The Higher Education Opportunity Program funds summer programs before the freshman year to academically and economically disadvantaged students in New York State. The programs, which are hosted by 2-year and 4-year colleges and funded by the New York state legislature, provide counseling, tutoring and developmental coursework to help these students succeed in college. About 2/5 of the participating students are Hispanic. All college applicants in New York are automatically considered for HEOP.

### **Latinas Learning to Lead Summer Youth Institute**

The National Hispana Leadership Institute sponsors the Latinas Learning to Lead Summer Youth Institute. This is a summer leadership training program for female Hispanic college students aged 17-22. Applicants must have a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale. The application deadline is in early April.

### **Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session (LDZ)**

LDZ is a program sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute to provide an 8-10 day summer leadership program for Latino youth. The program teaches critical thinking and teamwork skills.

### **Student Support Services (SSS)**

Student Support Services is a federally funded TRIO program focused on increasing college retention and graduation rates of at-risk students by providing mentoring, tutoring, career guidance, counseling and advising services. It also supplements the Pell Grant with additional financial aid.

### **Talent Search**

Talent Search is a federally funded TRIO program that identifies and helps students from disadvantaged backgrounds with counseling, mentoring, tutorial services and workshops. It helps them with college visits, college applications and financial aid.

### **Upward Bound**

Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program for students from at-risk populations, including low-income students and first-generation college students (first in family). It provides academic help and instruction, with the goal of helping more students to enroll and graduate from college.

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